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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 27, 2026

**TO:** President Cynthia Lee Almond  
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden  
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

**FROM:** Jonathan M Kimbril, Director *JMK*  
Gas Pipeline Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Commission Meeting.

**GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES**  
**April 2026**

**Inspections**

During the month of April, a total of forty-seven (47) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and twenty-eight (128) person-days. The inspections are as follows:

		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFICATION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	OTHER	
<b>GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS</b>	<b>PRIVATE</b>		<b>6</b>							<b>1</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>						<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>		
	<b>MASTER METER</b>	<b>1</b>								<b>10</b>		
	<b>LIQUID PROPANE (LP)</b>											
	<b>LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)</b>											
	<b>INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION</b>	<b>1</b>							<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
	<b>GAS GATHERING</b>											
<b>OFFSHORE GAS</b>												
<b>LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS</b>	<b>REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b>											
	<b>CRUDE OIL</b>											
	<b>HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC</b>											
	<b>CARBON DIOXIDE</b>											
	<b>BIOFUEL</b>											
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>

**Enforcement Actions**

From the forty-seven (47) inspections shown above, five (5) enforcement letters were issued citing ten (10) non-compliance items. There were seven (7) non-compliance items corrected during the month of April.

**Training**

Two (2) operator/contractor training sessions were conducted in April, covering possible variations of combinations of the following: polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion, fire response (FR), and regulatory (CFR) training.

- 4/8/2026 Cullman-Jefferson Gas Dist. PE 18 Personnel Trained
- 4/21/2026 Leak City Athens, AL PE 32 Personnel Trained

**Incidents / Accidents**

There was one (1) state reportable incident, and zero (0) federal incidents reported during the month of April.

- 4/20/2026 Spire AL – Montgomery – Spire contacted Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) to report a structure fire where the cause had not yet been determined. Spire believed notification was appropriate due to media presence at the scene. The Alabama State Fire Marshal’s Office later determined that natural gas did not play a role in the fire.

**Miscellaneous**

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division, serving as a board member of the Alabama Underground Damage Prevention Authority (ALUDPA), voted to accept a contract for an administrative group to manage the day-to-day operations of the ALUDPA. This represents a major step toward better meeting the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) state damage prevention requirements, particularly those related to enforcement.

Efforts to modify Alabama’s damage prevention laws required coordination and support from multiple agencies. As the updated law and enforcement structure become more fully implemented, Alabama should begin to see a reduction in excavation damage statewide. Two years ago, Alabama ranked last in damage prevention performance, placing 52 out of 52 jurisdictions, including Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

GPS has participated in multiple initiatives to improve these rankings, and progress is already being observed through major efforts undertaken by the state’s largest operators. These improvements have resulted from joint actions involving pilot programs, enhanced enforcement efforts, public awareness initiatives, and internal operator improvements focused on excavation damage prevention.