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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 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 September 1st, 2026, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular September 1st, 2026, Commission Meeting.

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES
July 2026

Inspections

During the month of July, a total of ninety-eight (98) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and eighty-six (186) in 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	
GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS	PRIVATE	1	4							2		TOTAL
	MUNICIPAL	16	22	2	2	6			8	17		
	MASTER METER									6		
	LIQUID PROPANE (LP)											
	LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)											
	INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION	4							2	1		
	GAS GATHERING									3		
	OFFSHORE GAS											
LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS	REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS									2		
	CRUDE OIL											
	HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC											
	CARBON DIOXIDE											
	BIOFUEL											
TOTALS		21	26	2	2	6	0	0	10	31	0	98

Enforcement Actions

From the ninety-eight (98) inspections shown above, ten (10) enforcement letters were issued citing a total of twenty-eight (28) non-compliance items. Of the twenty-eight (28) non-compliance items cited, nineteen (19) were issued for the first time, while nine (9) were repeat violations that had been cited consecutively. During the month of July, twenty-two (22) non-compliance items were corrected and verified by Gas Pipeline Safety.

Training

During the month of July, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division conducted two operator and contractor training sessions. Training sessions may address a single topic or combine multiple topics based on the specific needs of the operator or contractor. Topics may include polyethylene plastic fusion, fire response, and applicable regulatory requirements contained in the Code of Federal Regulations. These training efforts are designed to enhance public safety, improve regulatory compliance, and promote industry's best practices.

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| ➤ 7/8/2026 | South Alabama Utilities | PE | 19 | Personnel Trained |
| ➤ 7/21/2026 | Leak City Athens Alabama | PE | 28 | Personnel Trained |

Incidents / Accidents

During the month of July, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division received notification of four potential incidents. Following completion of the investigations, two incidents were determined to meet the criteria for State reporting. No incidents met the criteria for Federal reporting under the Commission's jurisdiction. The remaining two incidents were determined to be either outside the Division's jurisdiction or below the applicable reporting thresholds and, therefore, were not reportable to either the State or the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

- 7/14/2026 Riviera Utilities – Riviera Utilities reported an incident at a local school involving an employee who was attempting to light a natural gas appliance. During the process, flame rollout occurred at the burners and caused a burn injury to the school employee. Riviera Utilities conducted a leak survey and determined that no additional natural gas was present. ***Based on those findings, the incident did not meet the criteria for either State or Federal reporting.***
- 7/16/2026 Spire Alabama – Montgomery – Spire Alabama discovered a leak on an unmapped service line serving a church. The leak was located beneath Highway 14, requiring the roadway to be closed while the operator addressed the condition. The cause of the leak could not be determined. Rather than excavating and repairing the existing portion beneath the highway, Spire abandoned the affected section and installed a new service line by directional boring beneath Highway 14. ***This incident met the applicable criteria for State reporting.***

- 7/21/2026 – Spire Alabama – Montgomery - Spire Alabama received notification that a four-inch plastic gas main had been struck and was releasing natural gas near 2205 Madison Avenue. The roadway was closed to allow the area to be secured and repairs to begin. An active Alabama 811 locate request was in place at the time of the damage; however, the gas main had not been exposed by potholing prior to excavation as required for the work being performed. ***This incident met the applicable criteria for State reporting.***
- 7/28/2026 Florence Gas – The Florence Gas Department was contacted by an insurance adjuster who believed natural gas may have contributed to a residential fire that had previously occurred. Florence Gas investigated the incident in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal’s Office. The investigation determined that the natural gas source involved in the fire was located on the homeowner’s side of the system and was not part of the operator’s jurisdictional facilities. ***Based on those findings, the incident did not meet the criteria for either State or Federal reporting.***

Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety Division attended multiple meetings across Alabama related to public awareness and emergency response. These outreach activities support two separate regulatory requirements applicable to pipeline operators.

Pipeline operators in Alabama have several options for meeting these outreach requirements. One method is participation in Alabama Pipeline Awareness Cooperative Training (APACT) meetings, which provide a cooperative approach that allows participating operators to share the cost of conducting public awareness and emergency response meetings. These meetings also provide Alabama 811 an opportunity to explain when the one-call system is required to be used, who is responsible for using it, and the importance of damage prevention.

GPS also participates with the Alabama Fire College through the Alabama Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (APERI). This partnership provides training to emergency officials and first responders on appropriate actions during a pipeline emergency or incident. APERI is currently in its third year and has continued to expand its outreach beyond firefighters to include contractors and 911 emergency communication centers.

GPS staff also attend operator-specific meetings or independently conducted outreach events when invited. These efforts allow the Division to support operators in meeting regulatory requirements while also strengthening communication, emergency preparedness, damage prevention, and public safety throughout Alabama.