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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 29, 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular October 6<sup>th</sup> 2026, Commission Meeting.

## **GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES**

**August 2026**

### **Inspections**

During the month of August, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division conducted a total of seventy-three (73) inspections, utilizing one hundred and seventy-eight (178) inspector person-days.

The inspections conducted during the month 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                     |                     | 5            |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                | 1         |       | TOTAL |
|                         | MUNICIPAL                   | 11                  | 9            |                        | 2                | 2          |                    |                     | 6              | 19        |       |       |
|                         | MASTER METER                |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                | 3         |       |       |
|                         | LIQUID PROPANE (LP)         |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
|                         | LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
|                         | INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION     | 3                   |              |                        | 1                |            |                    |                     | 1              | 3         |       |       |
|                         | GAS GATHERING               |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                | 3         |       |       |
|                         | OFFSHORE GAS                |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
| LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS | REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                | 3         |       |       |
|                         | CRUDE OIL                   | 1                   |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
|                         | HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC       |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
|                         | CARBON DIOXIDE              |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
|                         | BIOFUEL                     |                     |              |                        |                  |            |                    |                     |                |           |       |       |
| TOTALS                  |                             | 15                  | 14           |                        | 3                | 2          |                    |                     | 7              | 32        |       | 73    |

Enforcement Actions

From the seventy-three (73) inspections conducted during the month of August, nine (9) enforcement letters were issued, citing a total of fifteen (15) non-compliance items. All fifteen (15) non-compliance items were cited for the first time, with no repeat violations cited consecutively. During the month of August, Gas Pipeline Safety also verified the correction of twenty-two (22) previously identified non-compliance items.

Training

During the month of August, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division conducted two (2) 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.

- 8/5/2026      Dadeville Natural Gas      PE      28      Personnel Trained
- 8/19/2026      Riviera Utilities      PE      32      Personnel Trained

Incidents / Accidents

During the month of August, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division received notification of two (2) potential incidents. Following the investigations completed to date, both incidents were determined to meet the criteria for State reporting. Neither incident has been determined to meet the criteria for Federal reporting under the Commission’s jurisdiction at this time.

- 8/24/2026      W&T Offshore - Received notification of a small leak on one of its pipelines located in Mobile Bay after the leak was observed and reported by a boater. W&T Offshore confirmed ownership of the pipeline and shut in the affected line to stop the flow of natural gas. The leak is believed to have resulted from corrosion. Repairs are ongoing, along with further investigation into the overall condition of the affected pipeline segment. ***This incident met the applicable criteria for State reporting and could rise to the federal level at a later date.***
- 8/27/2026      Dadeville Gas Board – A State right-of-way mowing crew struck a high-pressure distribution main where the pipeline transitioned aboveground and attached to a bridge crossing a waterway. The pipeline marker at the location had previously been struck and damaged and had not been replaced at the time of the incident. ***This incident met the applicable criteria for State reporting and could rise to the federal level at a later date.***

## Miscellaneous

Multiple Gas Pipeline Safety personnel attended the Louisiana Gas Association Annual Pipeline Safety Conference in New Orleans. The conference is sponsored by Alabama and several other participating states. Alabama's sponsorship and participation help ensure that the State's Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program meets applicable grant requirements associated with operator training. The conference also provides GPS staff with opportunities to receive additional training in technical and regulatory areas relevant to their inspection responsibilities. GPS furthermore evaluates conference presenters and training topics for possible inclusion in Alabama's December Pipeline Safety Conference. Presenters who provide particularly valuable or relevant information may be invited to speak at the December conference on topics applicable to natural gas pipeline operators in Alabama.