

# Pipeline Safety Reauthorization and Recent Events



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## ■ Timeline

- Expired end of September 2019
- Reauthorized every 4 years
- Congress can add requirements

## ■ Three Congressional committees have jurisdiction

- House Transportation & Infrastructure
- House Energy & Commerce
- Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Full Senate must approve
- Current bill stands until new bill is passed

# Pipeline Safety Reauthorization

	ASVs/ RCVs	Over-pressure Protection	DIMP	Distribution Records	PSMS	NPMS	Operator Qualifications	Emergency Response	Workforce Development	Updates to Regulations	Civil Penalties	Cost Benefit Analysis	Criminal Penalties
E&C	★	★	★	★		★	★	★	★		★	★	★
T&I						★	★		★	★	★	★	★
Senate		★	★	★	★		★	★	★	★			

1. The Mega Rule part 1 of 3

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2. NTSB hearing on Merrimack Valley MA overpressurization

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3. AGA Board Resolution on PSMS May 2019

- Issued October 1 2019
- Effective July 1 2020
- First of three rulemakings
  - This Rule 1 of 3 addresses prior legislative mandates
  - Rule 2 will likely expand corrosion requirements
  - Rule 3 is expected to focus on gathering lines

- MAOP Reconfirmation
- Material Properties Verification
- Expands TIMP outside HCAs
- Direct Assessment for corrosion only
- Fracture Mechanics
- Cyclic Fatigue
- Spike Testing
- Pig launcher/receiver safety

## 9-24-2019 NTSB Hearing Recommendations

- PHMSA revise 192 to require overpressure protection on low pressure systems
- PHMSA issue an alert on failure modes of low pressure systems
- Massachusetts develop effective communications during emergencies
- NiSource review protocols & training for responding to emergencies
- 31 states (not Michigan) remove exemption so that natural gas infrastructure projects require PE license approval & stamping

- May 2019 AGA Board approved:
  - AGA Member Companies adopt API RP 1173 (Pipeline Safety Management Systems) within 3 years
  - Adopt all 10 elements
  - Can use API Gap Assessment Tool (free)
  - Can use API Gap Closure Plan (free)
  - Should begin working the Gap Closure plan within 3 years
  - Workshops and Vendors are plentiful