

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

## 3b. GSA

Committee No.

702

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

10/23/2020 10/23/2022

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/23/2022

## 7. Expected Term Date

10/21/2024

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

N/A

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 60115 of Title 49, United States Code

## 13. Effective Date

11/30/1979 Continuing

## 14. Committee Type

No

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open

0

## 17b. Closed

0

## 17c. Partially Closed

0

## Other Activities

0

## 17d. Total

0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

|   | Current<br>FY | Next<br>FY |
|---|---------------|------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>                  | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>                      | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>                        | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>               | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>             | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>                 | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>                   | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$0.00        | \$0.00     |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00          | 0.00       |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The THLPSSC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises PHMSA on proposed standards for hazardous liquid pipelines and facilities. The committee reviews each proposal to determine the technical feasibility, cost effectiveness, reasonableness, and practicability of each proposal. The committee also reviews matters relating to risk assessment. The members provide valuable technical knowledge and practical experience to supplement staff resources at relatively low cost. Since it is composed of government, industry, and public members, the

committee serves as a unique forum for give and take, facilitating discussion of complex and often controversial issues. The balance of views on the Committee aids the Office of Pipeline Safety in evaluating conflicting demands placed on us by NTSB, GAO, Congress, and other external stakeholders.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership of the Committee represents a unique mix of government, industry and public members. This balance of views reflects varying interests in pipeline safety. The Committee provides a valuable, independent base of technical knowledge and practical experience.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee generally meets at least twice each calendar year.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee brings together experts with technical knowledge and practical experience who represent all constituent groups (government, industry, public) having an interest in pipeline safety. Frank and open discussion of proposed hazardous liquid pipeline safety standards by these experts is both economical and productive. The result is a stronger pipeline safety program. No other readily available source of similar expertise exists within government or industry.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

## 21. Remarks

The committee is continuing under current legislation.

### Designated Federal Officer

Alan K. Mayberry Associate Administrator for  
Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration

### Narrative Description

The committee considers each proposed pipeline safety rule to assure technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness and practicability of proposed standards. The members also review and evaluate each associated cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment. Meetings only occur when there is a liquid pipeline rule making that need to be reviewed. There was one meeting in FY22. The committee met virtually on August 17, 2022, to discuss the Coastal Ecological Unusually Sensitive Areas interim final rule that was published on 12/27/22 on the Federal Register. All documents on the meeting are publicly available at the meeting webpage

(<https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=160>)  
and at <http://www.regulations.gov> using docket number PHMSA-2022-0077.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if  
Applies

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

39

### Number of Recommendations Comments

Number of recommendations count per proposed rule; therefore, the estimate would be 39 for 39 proposed rules.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

92%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The charge of this committee is to consider all of PHMSA's proposed rules applicable to hazardous liquid pipelines and facilities. During this reporting period, the committee did meet once. During FY23, the LPAC did not meet.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

See explanation above.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

**Agency Feedback Comments**

See explanation above.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A