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**APGA Members Sign “Commitment to Pipeline Safety”**

*Washington, D.C. (August 7, 2018)* – Safety is the highest priority of American Public Gas Association (APGA) members. Constant focus on the safety of pipelines, employees, and communities where natural gas is served has long enabled APGA members to maintain an excellent safety record.

On July 25, 2018 at the APGA Annual Meeting, APGA membership formalized this commitment through the “APGA Commitment to Pipeline Safety.” This commitment demonstrates APGA’s consistent and exhaustive dedication to the essential elements of pipeline safety: fostering a positive employee safety culture, communicating with stakeholders, implementing safe work practices, and enhancing pipeline integrity.

While many elements of the commitment are aligned with existing pipeline safety regulatory requirements, APGA’s resolution is built upon a dedication to continuous improvement, including going above and beyond to ensure the safety of the pipelines operated by APGA members.

“This document articulates a long-held dedication of APGA members to operate safe and reliable pipeline distribution systems. While APGA has always been committed to these actions, we believe it is important for external stakeholders to see this commitment as well,” said President and CEO of APGA, Bert Kalisch.

The APGA Commitment to Pipeline Safety can be viewed [here](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/APGA/1151c1f6-49e1-4598-badd-127e33da42cd/UploadedImages/APGA_Commitment_to_Pipeline_Safety.pdf).

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*APGA is the national association of municipally and publicly-owned local distribution systems. There are about 1,000 public gas systems serving more than 5 million customers. These public gas utilities are not-for-profit retail distribution entities that are owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.*