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Subject: Comments on Docket No RSPA-03-15852; Notice 1 (RIN 2137-AD96)

The Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (Committee) was an active participant in the development of the American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice 1162 (RP 1162), submitting comments to API on the draft Recommended Practice on November 22, 2002. The Committee believes strongly in the role of the pipeline operator in effectively promoting pipeline safety public awareness and education.

The Committee has had the opportunity to review the proposed rule and the comments regarding this proposed rule by the Pipeline Safety Division of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The WUTC's comments on this rule focused on preserving the flexibility of the guidelines while making specific recommendations on how to convert guidelines into an enforceable and meaningful rule.

The Committee concurs with the WUTC's comments and endorses its recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Mosher".

Chuck Mosher
Chair, Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

* Please note that these comments were submitted electronically on August 23, 2004 via the Docket Management System, tracking number 293683.