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Pipeline safety program receives 100% rating 5 years in a row

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) received a 100% rating for its Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Program and Damage Prevention Program for five consecutive years. Rated and certified by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), the Commission's Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) provides oversight of the transport of natural gas in the District. The evaluation includes a review of pipeline safety compliance records and on-site pipeline operator inspections by Commission staff.

“Natural gas safety is our top priority at the Commission,” stated Willie L. Phillips, Chairman of the D.C. Public Service Commission. “We should all be proud that our Natural Gas Pipeline Safety team has exceeded performance trends to ensure that District residents are safe for five consecutive years.”

Dr. Udeozo Ogbue, P.Eng. and his staff scored 100% on the PHMSA progress report and 100% on PHMSA's annual performance evaluation of the pipeline safety program procedures, records, field activities and inspections. This led to an overall score of 100% for CY 2019, as it did from CY 2015 to CY 2018.

As part of its annual grant evaluation process, PHMSA and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) review and score the Commission on a set of performance metrics, including: leak management, incident investigations, damage prevention activities, State qualifications, records inspections, six categories of field inspections, and enforcement activities.

Please visit the [Commission website](#) for more information about the Commission's Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Program.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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