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Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, Chair  
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair  
TRANSPORTATION, WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
651 Pine Street, Room 101  
Martinez, CA.

SUBJ: PIPELINE SAFETY TRUST's  
Pipeline Safety Report

Dear Supervisor Piepho and Supervisor Andersen:

As the TWIC committee completes its discussion of the recommendations shown within the Pipeline Safety Trust report, I want to encourage all parties to keep focused on the bigger picture, that Pipeline Safety is important to everyone, all residents of Contra Costa County and also Statewide.

The Pipeline Safety Trust's report provides not just recommendations to Contra Costa County but also to our California State Regulatory bodies.

Without advocacy from the TWIC committee and our Board of Supervisors to our State Fire Marshal's office and to our State Representatives, it is my great concern that no further action will be taken on this important Public Safety Issue.

I am asking that the TWIC committee and our Board of Supervisors unite in support of the PST report recommendations, write our State Fire Marshal's office to promote discussion of the recommendations and support having a plan of action for implementation.

In the aftermath of pipeline accidents in both Walnut Creek and San Bruno, it is no longer "if" but rather "when" our next pipeline accident will occur. We, collectively, need to do everything within our power to make sure that our Pipelines are safe.


Alamo and other Contra Costa communities with pipelines close to resident's homes support automatic shut-off valves for all existing pipelines and protection of all exposed pipelines spanning seasonal creek beds. The PST report shows this information clearly.

Let's work together to make this happen.

I want to thank you and each of the TWIC committee members for their review of this important report and its findings.

We appreciate all of the hard work that you do.

Sincerely,

  
Roger F. Smith  
President