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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:

I want to "Thank You" and each of the TWIC committee members for their hard work and thorough review of this important report and its findings.

Alamo residents and residents of other County areas impacted by pipelines have to appreciate every step the County can take toward improving Pipeline Safety.

It is important for the process to continue with a Board of Supervisors approval of the TWIC report and advocacy support for Pipeline Safety in both our County and our State.

In response to the 2015 Santa Barbara Petroleum spill, the PG&E explosion and numerous other incidents, the State of California Legislature, during the last ten (10) months, has enacted four very important State Assembly and Senate Bills, which include:

Petroleum Pipelines

SB 295 – State Fire Marshal Annual Inspection of all Intrastate Petroleum Pipelines

AB 864 – State Fire Marshal Testing of all California Coastal Petroleum Pipelines, Contra Costa County is included in this for the areas close to the Bay/Straits. (October, 2015)

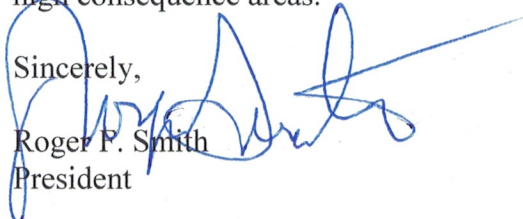
Gas Pipelines

AB 1420 – Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources – Testing every Two Years requirement for all active gas lines located in sensitive areas (October, 2015)

AB 2856 – PUC to require Automatic Shutoff Valves/Remote Controlled Sectionalized Block valves in all High Consequence Areas (HCA) and where lines traverse an active seismic earthquake fault. (February, 2016)

I am requesting that the TWIC committee and our Board of Supervisors consider uniting in support of these Pipeline Safety recommendations and legislation and to then consider contacting our State Fire Marshal's office and our Public Utilities Commission to promote discussion of both these recommendations and the recent legislation enacted by our State Legislature. The goal for which would be to develop a plan of action for implementation of the various legislation elements including automatic shut-off valves in high consequence areas.

Sincerely,


Roger P. Smith
President