PARTNERSHIP OF PROTECTION

LIQUID ENERGY PIPELINE ASSOCIATION

MULTIPLE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HELP KEEP PIPELINES SAFE

Multiple government agencies work together to ensure pipeline safety and environmental protection. Each agency at the federal, state, county and local levels performs a role in pipeline projects.

PHMSA

- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) within the U.S. Department of Transportation regulates pipeline safety
- Congress assigned to PHMSA the powers to regulate, inspect and enforce safety requirements for pipelines connected to interstate systems
- PHMSA oversees pipeline design, construction, operations, maintenance and emergency response

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

- The U.S. Corps of Engineers regulates impacts on wetlands and waters of the United States
- The Corps reviews and issues permits if a pipeline project proposes to cross a significant stream or river
- Other federal agencies such as the Fish and Wildlife Service or Bureau of Land Management may review projects under their purview

STATES

- States regulate the siting of pipelines carrying liquid products (e.g. crude oil, propane, CO_2)
- Each state establishes its own rules and processes for determining whether a pipeline project qualifies for eminent domain
- Pipeline projects must follow rules set by states for surveying, easements, eminent domain and public outreach

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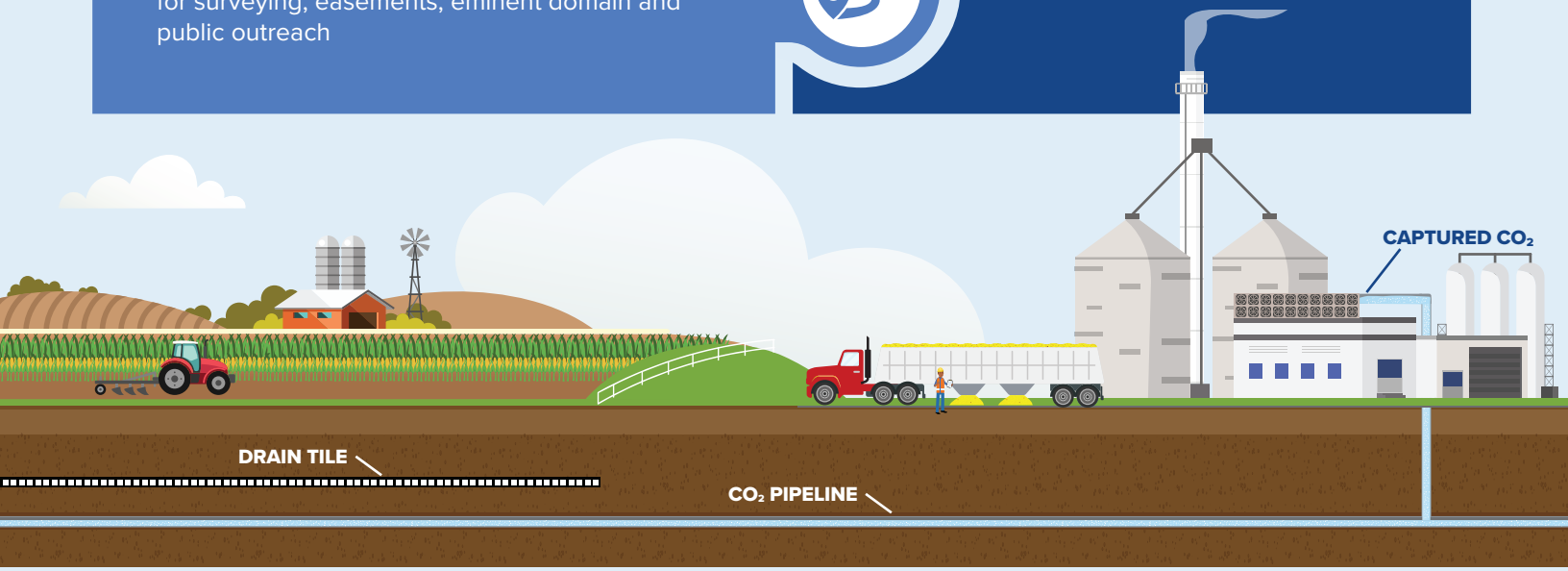
- Federal, state and county agriculture agencies manage soil conservation programs
- Natural Resources Conservation Service recommendations for soil management
- Counties and third parties monitor agriculture management plans