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Dear <Association> Member:

Are there hazardous liquid (petroleum products and crude oil) and natural gas transmission pipelines in your response area? Do you have access to the specialized training required to effectively and safely respond to a major pipeline release? Do you know how to quickly contact pipeline operators and work with them to mitigate a natural gas or liquid pipeline incident?

The <Association> – in cooperation with the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Association of Oil Pipelines (AOPL) – is making ***"Pipeline Emergencies"*** online training available at ***no cost*** to first responders.

This well-respected program – developed and updated by the *National Association of State Fire Marshals* (NASFM) – is recognized as the first pipeline emergency training to be endorsed by both the pipeline industry and emergency responders. The program offers an opportunity for first responders to enroll free of charge in these self-paced online pipeline emergencies courses and receive a printable certificate that may be used to demonstrate successful completion of continuing education units (CEUs):

* ***Introduction*** – Awareness level for emergency personnel (1-2 hours)
* ***Intermediate*** – Operations level for first responders (4-6 hours)
* ***Comprehensive*** – Technician level for hazardous materials personnel (10-12 hours)

The leadership of <Association> endorses this comprehensive, free pipeline emergencies training, and we urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn important information that will save lives and help minimize damage to property and the environment. You will also find that this online portal offers access to relevant scenarios and other resources to enhance your ability to competently and effectively respond to a significant pipeline incident.

To enroll, go directly to the "Pipeline Emergencies" training portal at **http://pipelines.training**

More information about this API/AOPL emergency response portal and other API/AOPL emergency response initiatives is available at **www.aopl.org/emergencyresponse**.

Sincerely,