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TEXAS PIPELINE ASSOCIATION'S STATEMENT ON FLARING AND THE NECESSITY FOR INCREASED PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE

Energy companies would always rather capture and sell, rather than flare, the natural gas that they produce to satisfy America's growing demand for safe, reliable energy products. However, that is not always possible due to the lack of a sufficient pipeline infrastructure to deliver these products. This highlights the importance of creating a regulatory process more conducive to building and permitting America's necessary pipelines without undue delay.

Pipelines are the safest, most reliable way to deliver these vital products to market. In fact, the industry safely delivered 99.999 percent to products transported annually. Using pipelines to transport oil and gas helps protect the environment, reducing the burden on our infrastructure.

A moderate 20" pipeline running 50 miles through a county, for example, can displace 1,650 trucks – reducing congestion, traffic accidents, highway damage and pollution.