



# IN THE PIPELINE

TEXAS PIPELINE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our Winter 2020 issue of *In the Pipeline!* First, I want to say thanks to all for the robust attendance and participation at our Annual Meeting in Houston last month. As we turned the calendar there to begin yet another decade as an association, it was meaningful to me to mark that time with two of our industry's most reliable and stalwart champions: Chairman Tom Craddick and our very own Pat Nugent. While Chairman Craddick's legendary tenure in the legislature may never be matched, Pat's nearly 40 years of service and leadership to the pipeline industry are worthy of reflection.

Pat founded the Texas Pipeline Association in 1983 with just five members, a number that has grown to 42 today. Under his leadership, TPA has advocated both at the Texas Legislature and before state and federal agencies for fact-based, reasonable laws and rules that protect the public and the environment, while not unnecessarily restricting the ability of companies to conduct their operations. Consider just a few of his accomplishments:

- Texas was one of the first states in the nation to institute a pipeline integrity management program (effective April 30, 2001), prior to the adoption of the federal pipeline integrity rule.
- Under Pat's leadership, the Association played a leading role in the adoption of the Railroad Commission's Transportation Code of Conduct for transmission pipelines.
- TPA was at the forefront of working with cities and counties in the Barnett Shale, which led to the adoption of TPA's Best Practices in 2009.
- TPA was part of a coalition in 2011 that worked with legislators and, yes, landowners, in crafting the current eminent domain law.
- Over the years, TPA has championed enactment of protective damage prevention laws, and collaborated with TxDOT in clarifying the statutory rights of gathering pipelines installed in public rights of way.

Although these are just a sampling of TPA's achievements under Pat's leadership, they serve as a lasting reminder of the positive impact he has made and now leaves in our hands. It is a testament to the ability, foresight and effectiveness of a trusted leader and friend.

Looking to this new decade, it is up to us as TPA members and staff leadership to continue to build upon that legacy. Our ability to operate has never before seen the level of scrutiny or faced the range of detractors that we see today; the extreme political and policy rhetoric we hear is often nothing short of shocking. Given our state's aggressive population growth and demographic changes, coupled with a concurrent need for an expanding network of critical infrastructure to meet Texas, U.S. and global energy needs, we need to work harder than ever to cultivate and educate at the Capitol and maintain our social license to operate within our communities. The good news is that I am certain we are up to the task.

We are not resting during the 2020 interim, but are moving proactively and confidently on numerous fronts, and we'll face these challenges with unity and strength. Thank you for your continued support of TPA, and I hope you read and enjoy this issue of *In the Pipeline*.

Don Baldrige, DCP Midstream  
Chairman, Texas Pipeline Association

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Friends,

It has been a great start to 2020! I want to start by thanking the membership for hosting an outstanding annual luncheon where we heard from the Texas House Chairman of Land and Resource Management Tom Craddick. Chairman Craddick's remarks

reflected how vitally important the oil and gas industry is to the economy of Texas and how it is imperative to continue to develop the infrastructure needed to supply a growing state. He also reminded us how important it is to remain unified and continue to tell the positive story of the pipeline industry to leaders and policymakers. His words were inspiring and refreshing and the pipeline industry is fortunate to have Chairman Craddick as a steadfast ally.

There will be no rest for the weary in 2020 as we have already embarked on work to prepare for the 87th Legislative Session, which will begin in less than a year. TPA's well-attended meeting on eminent domain at the end of last year created a plan for moving forward and a work group of company representatives have met and are fine-

tuning concepts to address the issue. The group will continue to meet over the following months and we will give a report of the progress at the April Board Meeting. As always, I want to thank the member companies and their employees for the hard work and time they are spending on this effort, as it will pay huge dividends for the upcoming session.

In this winter issue of *In the Pipeline*, there are informative articles relating to cutbacks in environmental regulations, Railroad Commission rules updates and a guest column on pipeline incident prevention. There is also a special message from Chairman Don Baldrige, which highlights some of TPA's past accomplishments. We hope you find the information in this issue informative and if there is something you or your company would like placed in a future edition, please let us know! We look forward to seeing you at our April 2 Board Meeting in San Antonio and always contact us when we may be of assistance!

All my best,  
Thure Cannon

## COALITION FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE ON EMINENT DOMAIN

By Carol Sims, Executive Director, Texas Civil Justice League

**T**here are three things we can say with certainty will happen in 2020: an election, Tax Day and still more legislative interim studies on eminent domain.

In this latest iteration, the House Land & Resource Management Committee (LRM), under Chairman Tom Craddick (R-Midland), will conduct two inquiries into the eminent domain process. The first calls for the Committee to work with the Office of the Attorney General to review the Landowner's Bill of Rights (LOBOR) and determine whether any changes should be made to make it more user-friendly, including whether the statutory requirements for the LOBOR should be more prescriptive.

In each of the past two sessions, the Coalition for Critical Infrastructure (CCI), of which TPA is a member, has proposed improvements to the LOBOR to make it more helpful to landowners and enhance the transparency of the eminent domain process. Landowner groups have generally rebuffed these efforts, instead choosing bill components that would make the process more litigation-intensive by loading the law with compliance traps. CCI is confident that a well-considered, deliberate review of the language and contents of the LOBOR will yield a document that serves the interests of landowners by explaining their options in plain, clear and non-threatening language.

LRM's second charge involves an issue that likewise has drawn legislative interest in the last two sessions: actual progress. Current law requires an entity that acquires property by eminent

domain to make "actual progress" on the project within 10 years from the date of acquisition or the landowner may repurchase the property. Previous proposals have increased the number of specific measures of progress that the entity must achieve before triggering the repurchase process. LRM will study the issue and make recommendations regarding "what should and should not constitute actual progress."

On the Senate side, the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development and Water and Rural Affairs Committees will jointly study "current law regarding the balance of private property rights and continued improvement in oil and gas infrastructure." The

committees will further make "recommendations to ensure stability between private property owner protections and emergent oil and gas infrastructure." CCI is pleased that the Senate charge focuses on the crucial economic im-

portance of the oil and gas industry and energy infrastructure in maintaining the "Texas Miracle." We look forward to working with the committees to provide data and information to assist them in their review.

While the Senate charge appears to limit the inquiry to oil and gas infrastructure, CCI knows that any discussion of changes in the law that affect one category of entity will quickly expand to others, despite sincere avowals to the contrary. Moreover, CCI feels strongly that one of the positive strengths of Texas law is that it treats all landowners and all entities with eminent domain authority the same.

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If we allow the law to impose different procedures or liability exposure on different entities, we have not only unsettled more than a century of established law, but we have also created a precedent that will be used against whomever the Legislature might want to make an example of the next time. It may be oil and gas today, but someone else is sure to end up in the barrel tomorrow.

CCI's strength lies in our unity of purpose and willingness to support one another regardless of whose ox is about to be gored. Landowner groups seek to divide and conquer. CCI exists to thwart that approach and ensure that Texas law treats everyone – landowners and infrastructure builders – fairly and equitably.

## CUTBACKS IN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS ON THE HORIZON

By Don Lewis, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero

**T**he Trump Administration has repeatedly emphasized the importance of reducing regulatory burdens on U.S. companies. Consistent with that message, executive branch efforts to roll back or clarify federal environmental rules are continuing. Current developments of interest to TPA members include the following:

- EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently issued a final rule revising the definition of “waters of the United States” that are subject to federal jurisdiction. The rule establishes a narrower and clearer definition that identifies four specific categories of jurisdictional waters. A water feature will not be considered “waters of the United States” if it falls outside of those categories.
- The White House has proposed revisions to rules implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, including clarification and narrowing of the scope of projects that are subject to the Act's requirements, narrowing the kind of impacts that are analyzed under the Act, and establishing deadlines for completion of key decision documents.

### MANY OF THE UPCOMING CHANGES WILL DECREASE REGULATORY BURDENS AND ADD CLARITY TO CURRENT RULES.

- EPA is developing rules providing that scientific information underlying significant EPA actions must be publicly available so the data can be independently verified by the public.
- In February, EPA is expected to propose rules to improve consistency and transparency in EPA's consideration of the costs and benefits of proposed new air regulations.
- In March, EPA is expected to finalize rules revising the New Source Performance Standards for oil and natural gas sources (Subparts 0000 and 0000a). EPA has proposed to remove sources in the transmission and storage segment from regulation under the standards and to rescind methane requirements for all sources covered by the standards.
- EPA is also expected to issue final rules that will revise Subpart 0000a by cutting back on fugitive monitoring re-

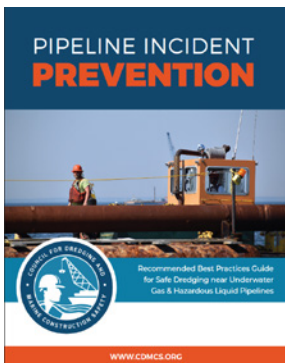
quirements at compressor stations, allowing facilities to use in-house engineers to certify system design, and streamlining the process for requesting alternative means of emissions limitations.

- EPA is currently engaging in its periodic review of whether the current ozone standards should be retained or modified.
- EPA is expected to issue final rules soon under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants program, which will replace the “once-in-always-in” policy by providing that a major source can reclassify to area source status by limiting its potential to emit hazardous air pollutants below major source thresholds.
- A final EPA rule is expected in the fall clarifying that both emissions increases and emissions decreases from an upcoming project at a major source can be considered at Step 1 of the new source review major modification applicability test. This will increase the likelihood that a source will be able to avoid the complex and time-consuming Step 2 process altogether.
- EPA is conducting a rulemaking to increase the predictability and timeliness of states' Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certifications by clarifying timeframes for, and the scope of, state certification activities. The rule proposal seeks to reduce delays in state responses to certification requests.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will soon begin the process of renewing and updating nationwide permits, which provide general authorization for certain activities affecting federal waters. As part of that process, the Corps may revise nationwide permit 12, pertaining to pipeline construction activities, by eliminating some of the preconstruction notification requirements that currently exist.

It is evident that 2020 will be a busy year for environmental regulatory developments. Many of the upcoming changes will decrease regulatory burdens and add clarity to current rules. TPA will keep members apprised of key developments as they occur.

# PIPELINE INCIDENT PREVENTION – A LIFE-SAVING GUIDE FOR THE DREDGING AND PIPELINE INDUSTRIES AND AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP

By Michael Gerhardt, Managing Director, the Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety and Pipeline Task Force Director



To ensure the safest possible construction and maintenance of America's infrastructure, two groups have banded together in an innovative partnership that will help eliminate dredging incidents. Its creation of a best practices guide will prove an invaluable resource for management, as well as for all field operators.

In September 2018, the Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety (CDMCS) and Pipeline Task Force (PTF) – of which TPA member Chevron is a member – set out on a journey to reduce underwater pipeline incidents during dredging activities by delivering solutions that support safe work practices and increase public awareness through inter-agency public/private collaboration and information-sharing. This life-saving resource delivers on that promise with recommendations fully vetted by all stakeholders: dredging contractors, pipeline operators and associations, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and various other agencies.

On Jan. 8 this year, the CDMCS released *Pipeline Incident Prevention (PIP)*, a recommended best practices guide for safe dredging near underwater gas and hazardous liquid pipelines located in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federal navigation channels. This completes a milestone project that the CDMCS spearheaded for the dredging and pipeline industries to raise awareness and ultimately save lives.

What is exceptional about this guide is that it was developed not only by professionals working in the industry, but also by professionals *regulating* the industry with the most senior and political level agency support. This 360-stakeholder involvement shaped a first-of-its-kind best practices guide that the CDMCS is very proud of and that is very timely. Dredging is at an all-time high around the country with ports up and down the coasts going deeper and wider to accommodate larger ships.

Safety resources like the PIP will help all those involved both go deeper and protect underwater assets in a safe manner.

The PIP does not eliminate the challenges with working around underwater pipelines, but it does help contractors navigate around them and reduce risk. It addresses pipeline safety, damage prevention and recommended emergency response protocols in the marine environment. PIP is designed to be utilized both in the field and in the office.

Crewmembers and shore-side management will benefit from the following topics covered in the report:

- Understanding pipelines and their operators;
- Understanding dredges and their operators;
- Notifying 811 One Call;
- Obtaining accurate pipeline coordinates and ownership information from the various federal and state databases;
- Identifying pipeline leaks and knowing how to respond – effectively collaborating and communicating with all parties;
- Ensuring pipeline avoidance; and
- Implementing advance planning three months prior to project start.

At the end of the guide, there is also a complete federal, regional and state regulatory agency point-of-contact list covering all states on the West Coast, Gulf Coast and East Coast from Florida to Massachusetts. Texas POCs are [here](#). Additionally, there is a PIP Hazard Mitigation Checklist that covers preventative steps prior to working near underwater pipelines and courses of action in the event of a pipeline leak.

The PIP is designed to deliver an extremely valuable safety resource to the public for active use in the field. Contractors that dredge or perform marine construction operations in the vicinity of underwater pipelines should consult this best practice guide and share it deep within their company at all levels of management. It is also recommended that the pipeline industry disseminate and utilize the PIP as frequently as possible.

I would personally like to thank all the members of the PTF – the dredgers, pipeliners and federal/state agency staff for their

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knowledge, time and patience. Participation from the pipeline companies – especially Chevron, which has been involved since the PTF's inception and instrumental in this project – has been astounding. Fifteen months ago we all agreed that the dredging and pipeline industries lacked mutual best practices for preventing pipeline incidents, and then we all agreed to do something about it. I'm proud to say that we did exactly what we said we were going to do and in the timeframe we said we'd do it. The PTF, however, does not stop here. It will continue its good work and meet again in the summer to discuss new initiatives.

PIP is designed to augment companies' health, safety and environmental practices, not to replace them or create an obligation on them. It doesn't supersede any local, state or federal law, regulation, ordinance or policy. The [PIP and Hazard Mitigation Checklist](#) are available for download and production.

The PIP comes in two sizes (letter 8.5 x 11 and pocket 6.25 x 9.25), while the Hazard Mitigation Checklist is formatted for one size (4.5 x 11). Both were designed to be double-sided. If you are not a member of CDMCS, please review [this link](#) for booklet creation directions. If your company is not a member of CDMCS and you would like to help make a difference, please contact me at [michael@cdmcs.org](mailto:michael@cdmcs.org).

*The CDMCS was established on April 10, 2008 by the Dredging Contractors of America, the Associated General Contractors of America and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be the national unified voice for safety in the dredging and marine construction industry. CDMCS members are committed to the council's vision of creating a 100% injury-free workplace by embracing its core values of teamwork, trust and transparency and executing its mission of raising the industry standard on safety and building a safety-first culture. Its diverse membership supports American maritime infrastructure and the well-being of maritime workers, coast-to-coast.*

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## RRC ADOPTS NEW CHAPTER 8 PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATIONS AND RULE 70 PIPELINE PERMIT RENEWAL FEES

By Phil Gamble, The Law Office of Phil Gamble

**T**he RRC Commissioners unanimously approved new rules and regulations for Chapter 8 (Pipeline Safety Regulations) and Rule 70 (T-4 Permit Renewal and Pipeline Safety Fees) at the RRC Open Meeting on Dec. 17, 2019. The new rules and regulations went into effect on Jan. 6. A copy of the new Chapter 8 Safety Regulations as published in the *Texas Register* may be viewed [here](#).

The Commission staff made several changes from the version originally published on Oct. 18, 2019. TPA filed written comments with suggested revisions to the proposed regulations on Nov. 18, 2019. TPA was one of six associations filing comments. A number of the revisions suggested by TPA were incorporated into the final adopted version of the regulations. A copy of the TPA comments may be viewed [here](#). As far as Rule 70 is concerned, TPA did not file comments. Only one comment was filed, but no changes were made from the published version.

As originally published on July 1, 2019, the proposed Chapter 8 revisions included regulation of all natural gas

and hazardous liquids gathering pipelines located in Class 1 locations. Specifically, the initial draft required operators to develop corrosion control for metallic pipelines within two years of the effective date of the rule, establish a damage prevention program within one year, develop a public education program within one year, install line markers within one year and conduct leak surveys within one year.

Ultimately, the RRC determined that it needed additional data and information to more thoroughly assess the risk, if any, that rural gathering systems in Class 1 locations present to the public safety and to adopt new rules in the future if necessary. Therefore, the new Chapter 8 regulations adopted by the Commission assert RRC jurisdiction over gathering lines in Class 1 locations pursuant to HB 2982. This legislation, which was passed in 2013, allows the RRC to gather data and adopt rules based on the risk that rural gathering lines in Class 1 locations present to public safety. Accordingly, the new Chapter 8 regulations require operators of Class 1 rural gathering lines to operate pipelines in a reasonably prudent manner to promote safe operation of the

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pipeline. Operators of Class 1 gathering lines will be required to report incidents and accidents to the RRC pursuant to certain reporting requirements outlined below. Operators will be required to conduct an investigation after an incident or accident and cooperate with the RRC investigators. The RRC may require the operator to submit a corrective plan of action to remediate an accident, incident, threat to the public or complaint. These reporting, investigation and corrective action requirements will present the RRC with an opportunity to gather accurate data and analyze trends in incident or accident occurrences.

Key provisions in the new Chapter 8 Pipeline Safety Regulations include:

- 8.101(b)(1)(C)(iii) eliminates the requirement to obtain RRC Gas Services Director approval for the use of direct assessment in a pipeline integrity plan.
- 8.115(a)(1) requires new construction reports (Form PS-48) to be filed 60 days in advance for pipeline projects 10 miles in length or greater. Pipeline projects 10 miles or less must file new construction reports 30 days in advance. If no construction has commenced within eight months, an operator may submit one extension, which will keep the report active for an additional six months. After one extension, the Form PS-48 will expire.
- 8.115(a)(3) states that no preconstruction report is required for installation of any mobile, temporary or prefabricated breakout tank. Instead, the operator shall notify the Commission no later than the time the tank is placed in service.
- 8.115(a)(4) allows operators of natural gas distribution systems to file a monthly report in lieu of a preconstruction notice for relocation, replacement or initial construction of any system less than 10 miles in length.
- 8.125(a) requires that request for waivers must be filed in advance in order for the RRC to approve. Written requests for waivers of pipeline safety rules will no longer be granted after the fact. The approval process generally takes from three to six weeks.
- 8.135 includes penalty guidelines for violations of each subpart of 49 CFR Chapter 192, 193 and 195 and each separate section of 16 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 8.
- 8.210 requires a pipeline operator to telephonically report to the Commission any release of gas defined as an incident in 49 CFR 191.3, at the earliest practical moment, but no later than one hour following confirmed discovery.
- 8.301 requires a pipeline operator to telephonically report to the Commission any failure or accident involving a pipeline transporting hazardous liquids or carbon dioxide that is required to be reported by 49 CFR 195.50 and 195.52, at the earliest practical moment, but no later than one hour following confirmed discovery. However, pursuant to 8.110(c) (2) hazardous liquids and carbon dioxide gathering lines located in rural areas as defined by 49 CFR 195.2 and not regulated by 49 CFR 195.1 or 49 CFR 195.11, require no initial telephonic report; instead, a 30-day written report shall be filed.

As far as Rule 70 is concerned, the new rule consolidates payments for pipeline T-4 permits for an operator with multiple T-4s and revises the renewal date. The renewal date will be determined by the first letter of the operator's name. Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, operators will file their annual renewals as follows:

- Companies with names beginning with the letters A through C shall file in February
- Companies with names beginning with the letters D through E shall file in March
- Companies with names beginning with the letters F through L shall file in April
- Companies with names beginning with the letters M through P shall file in May
- Companies with names beginning with the letters Q through T shall file in June
- Companies with names beginning with the letters U through Z shall file in July

A copy of the new Rule 70 may be viewed [here](#).

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## REBUTTING THE *NEW YORK TIMES* ON EMISSIONS

There is a lot of false information out there about the oil and gas industry. A case in point is a recent *New York Times* [article on the Permian](#) that supposedly shows a massive hidden plume of methane shooting directly into the air. Not so fast, says Energy in Depth, which published a rebuttal to the story, stating: “The *New York Times* claims . . . to have found a smoking gun on leaks from oil and natural gas facilities. In reality, it’s just a steaming exhaust vent. *Times* reporters spent a few hours doing flyovers of oil and natural gas facilities in two counties in West Texas, and then followed up the flight by visiting locations they claimed to have shown methane spikes to film with FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) cameras. Based on these findings, the reporters made the jump that, ‘Vast amounts of methane are escaping from oil and gas sites nationwide, worsening global warming.’ But there are a few issues with this assumption, starting with the heat signature recorded from the roof of a building. It doesn’t appear to be methane, which calls into question every other stated ‘fact’ in the story.” Get the full Energy in Depth rebuttal [here](#).

## JUST REPORTED

Looking for facts and stats to underscore how integral the Texas oil and gas industry is to the state and nation? Two seminal reports have just come out that you will want to peruse and share. In its [Annual Energy Economic Report](#), the Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA) showcases a new record: the Texas oil and gas industry paid **\$16.3 billion in taxes and state royalties in 2019** – the most in Texas history! In its [The Permian Basin: The Play That’s](#)

[Changing Everything](#) report, The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) reveals many key findings, including that total oil production in the Permian Basin **exceeded a record 1.5 billion barrels of oil (bbl) in 2019**. Oil production increased by 1.2 billion bbl in the region between 2009-2019, a 371 percent increase. TIPRO also reports that direct oil and natural gas employment in the Permian Basin **totaled 87,603 in 2019, an increase of nearly 43,000 jobs since 2009**. Please share these facts far and wide, as they prove the invaluable asset that this industry is to Texas and the United States.

## API LAUNCHES NEW NATIONAL CAMPAIGN “ENERGY FOR PROGRESS”



The American Petroleum Institute (API) launched “Energy for Progress,” a nationwide [TV and digital ad campaign](#) highlighting the natural gas and oil industry’s leadership in reducing emissions to record low levels and supporting economic and environmental progress in local communities. As part of the campaign, API released a [new report](#) showcasing local communities that have benefited from the American energy revolution and calling for policy solutions that support, rather than hinder, U.S. energy leadership.

## TWEET THIS!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD. IF YOU'RE ON TWITTER, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SHARE THESE PRO-INDUSTRY TWEETS!

 **Texas Pipeline Assoc** @TexasPipelines · 3h  
Direct oil and natural gas employment in the Permian totaled 87,603 in 2019, an increase of nearly 43,000 jobs since 2009. See TIPRO’s A Decade of the Permian Basin report for more compelling facts about oil&gas. @T\_LP\_R\_O #pipelines #jobs #texas #permian bit.ly/2f1e49s



 **Texas Pipeline Assoc** @TexasPipelines · Jan 14  
New Record: Texas Oil and Gas Industry Paid \$16.3 Billion in Taxes and State Royalties in 2019 -- the Most in Texas History @TXOGA #pipelines #economy #Txlege #Texas #oilandgas



# NEWS BRIEFS

## TPA ANNUAL MEETING AND REELECTION OF CHAIRMAN



TPA had its Annual Meeting in Houston in January, with Texas State Rep. Tom Craddick (R-Midland) as our keynote speaker. Rep. Craddick, who is chair of the Land & Resource Management Committee, told TPA members in December that their industry is “integral to maintaining America’s energy independence.” Also in Houston, the Board reelected Don Baldrige as its Chairman, with TPA President Thure Cannon saying, “Don has been an invaluable asset to the Texas Pipeline Association and its member companies. We are very pleased that he will serve another year as Chairman. I look forward to working with him again



on the issues that face our industry leading to the next legislative session.” You can read more [here](#) about Don’s industry background.

## TPA IN THE NEWS

### San Antonio Express-News

Commentary: [Pipelines key to domestic energy, national security](#)

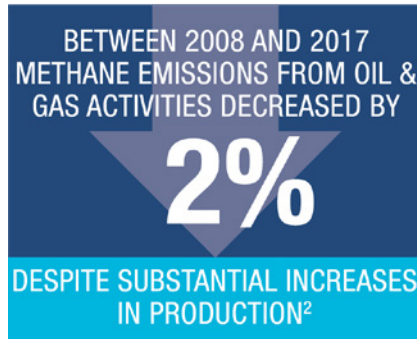
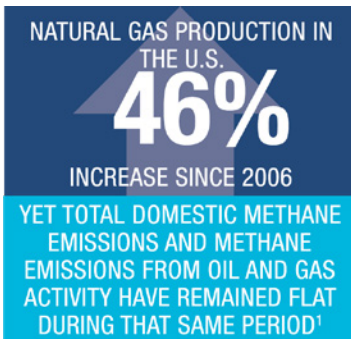
By Thure Cannon, *San Antonio Express-News*, Nov. 7, 2019



TPA Comment: [San Antonio considers opposing new pipelines over Edwards Aquifer](#), *Rivard Report*, Nov. 13, 2019

## TPA COLLATERAL UPDATE

The TPA one-pager [Why Pipelines Matter to You](#) has been updated and is an excellent primer on the industry and why it is vital to Texas and the nation. Please download it off the TPA website and bring it with you when you are meeting with stakeholders, as well as to meetings where you might be speaking. There are some compelling statistics in it that showcase the industry. Please share on social media!



## WE WANT YOUR TAX INFORMATION

Not your personal information, of course, but the amount of taxes that your company contributed to local and state coffers in 2018. We will compile this information and use it to show how valuable the pipeline industry is to the state of Texas. Preceding the next legislative session, it is imperative that we convey the importance of our industry to all stakeholders, including legislators, the media and the public. Your information is confidential and will only be used in the aggregate. Please email the information to Thure Cannon directly.

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## NEW MEMBERS

- TELLURIAN** Tellurian, Inc.
- EPIC** Epic Midstream

## TPA 2020/2021 BOARD MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Thursday, April 2, 2020 San Antonio, NuStar Energy
- Friday, July 17, 2020 San Antonio, La Cantera
- Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020 Plano, Atmos
- Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 Houston, C. Baldwin Downtown