

# PIPELINE SAFETY

TOWN HALL MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.



## AGENDA

### INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Gerard Neugebauer, City of Green

### PIPELINE SAFETY

Carl Weimer, Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust

### PIPELINE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA)

#### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Karen Gentile, PHMSA Eastern Region Community Liaison

Christopher Domonkos, Field Inspector, PUCO

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please submit your questions in writing. Notecards and pencils are provided.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

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### CARL WEIMER

Carl Weimer is the Executive Director of the national Pipeline Safety Trust, an organization that promotes pipeline safety through education and advocacy, increased access to information, and partnerships with residents, safety advocates, government, and industry, resulting in safer communities and a healthier environment.

Weimer has served as a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association's External Advisory Panel, and the governor-appointed Washington Citizen Committee on Pipeline Safety. He has been called upon to testify to the U.S. House and Senate multiple times, as a witness by the National Transportation Safety Board, and was honored in 2015 as a Champion of Change by the White House for his pipeline safety efforts. He has organized eleven national pipeline safety conferences, pushed for stronger pipeline safety legislation on the national and state level, runs the national Safe Pipelines and LNG Safety listservs that include over 900 people, and regularly serves as an independent source of pipeline safety information for news media, local government, and citizens around the country. He has a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Education from the University of Michigan, as well a degree in Industrial Electronics Technology from Peninsula College.

## **KAREN GENTILE**

Karen Gentile serves as a Community Liaison for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety. In this capacity, Ms. Gentile works to advance public safety, environmental protection, and pipeline reliability by helping to facilitate clear communication among all pipeline stakeholders, including the public, pipeline operators, excavators, and government officials. Prior to joining PHMSA in 2008, Ms. Gentile worked as an engineer and program manager for the US Department of the Army. Karen holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers College and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, both in environmental engineering.

## **CHRISTOPHER DOMONKOS**

Christopher Domonkos is a Utility Specialist 2 with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the state agency responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of the pipeline safety program. The PUCO's mission is to assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices. Prior to joining the commission, Mr. Domonkos was the Operations Manager for a Natural Gas Distribution Company in the greater Cleveland area. With over 14 years in the natural gas industry, Mr. Domonkos has an extensive knowledge of natural gas pipeline design and construction, regulatory requirements, and the maintenance responsibilities of pipeline operators.

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## **FOR PIPELINE SAFETY QUESTIONS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

### **PHMSA Eastern Region Community Liaisons**

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## **FOR QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE NEXUS PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES:**

### **Nexus Gas Transmission Landowner Hotline**

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### **City of Green Nexus Information**

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