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Dear Operator:

As part of the agreement between the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Pipeline Safety Division is required to host a joint State/PHMSA Pipeline Safety Seminar once every two years to provide industry updates and training to the intrastate natural gas and hazardous liquid operators under our jurisdiction. This year, the seminar will be held at the beautiful French Lick Resort Hotel and Conference Center in historic French Lick, Indiana, beginning July 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., and ending around 11:30 a.m. on July 15.

The Pipeline Safety Division regards this seminar as a significant event, especially this year with the inclusion of the Gas Distribution Pipeline Integrity Management rule, commonly known as DIMP, to your required compliance activities. We expect a significant amount of attention to be focused on DIMP and the accompanying "Simple, Handy, Risk-based Integrity Management Plan", the online computer aid for developing DIMP plans, also known as SHRIMP. Our subject matter expert this year, from PHMSA's Training & Qualification group, is T&Q Specialist Wayne St. Germain. Gerry Lee, with APGA Security and Integrity Foundation, is also scheduled to make a presentation. The final agenda is still being formulated for the seminar, with consideration being given to the following possible topics: the latest on casings, the State Fire Marshall, the revised IN811 Law, Public Awareness, State and Federal Reporting and, obviously, Drew Yando speaking of Leak Detection.

While we understand the negative effect the current economy is having on budgets and training dollars, we strongly urge you to ensure that your company or municipal utility is represented at this seminar. Where many states require an operator's attendance at their respective Pipeline Safety Seminars, in Indiana we do not go to those lengths. I cannot, however, stress to you enough the importance of attending this seminar. A great deal of critical new information will be presented that you won't want to miss. The seminar also provides you the opportunity to hear what is presented to everyone, request clarification for everyone, if necessary, and of course a chance to visit with friends and network with your peers.

Wade Farr, with Groebner & Associates, is coordinating a large vendor area that will have the industry's latest technologies on exhibit, and the vendors are planning a special get-together as well.

Included with this letter is the Registration Form for the seminar. The cost for attending the seminar will be \$60.00 per person payable to **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**. Attendees need to access the Pipeline Safety website for information on guest room reservations with the French Lick Resort Hotel using www.IN.gov/iurc, then access the Pipeline Safety Division website on the left side of the screen. Click on the "CLICK HERE FOR SEMINAR DETAILS" and follow the directions using the Group Code **0710IPS** when making reservations, or call the resort directly at 1-888-936-9360.

For Master Meter operators, the seminar is noteworthy; you should know, however, that we expect to plan and conduct a Master Meter Seminar later this year in Indianapolis at the State Office Campus. Information for this seminar will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,


William Boyd
Director, Pipeline Safety Division

2010 PIPELINE SAFETY SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

The following people will attend the **2010 Pipeline Safety Seminar** at the **French Lick Resort and Convention Center**, French Lick, Indiana, **July 13 – 15, 2010**:

NAME _____ TITLE _____

UTILITY _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

Please complete this form and return to:

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SEMINAR FEE IS \$60.00 PER PERSON AND MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM OR AT REGISTRATION.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: CONTACT THE FRENCH LICK RESORT HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER AT 812-482-5555 BY JUNE 15th. MENTION CODE: 0710IPS TO RECEIVE THE ROOM RATE OF \$129.00.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MIKE ORR AT 317-233-4884 OR morr@urc.IN.gov