



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission Receives High Marks for Pipeline Safety Program

PHOENIX, AZ -- The Arizona Corporation Commission received near perfect scores in a 2012 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) program audit for natural gas and hazardous liquids.

“The results of this year’s audit are exceptional,” said Chairman Bob Stump. “Arizona’s Pipeline Safety program has long been recognized as one of the nation’s best and most comprehensive as evidenced by its consistent high scores received on annual program reviews.”

Receiving scores of 116/117 and a rating of 99.1 for the 2012 natural gas audit and 107.5/108 and a rating of 99.5 for the 2012 hazardous liquid audit, the Commission demonstrated a high level of performance and strict compliance with regulations set by PHMSA.

Annual program audits are required by the pipeline safety grant in order to monitor state pipeline safety programs and ensure that states comply with PHMSA regulations. Program audits also address the accuracy of inspection reports and other data uploaded to the PHMSA database, along with on-field inspections at service provider and master meter locations. The audits are used to determine a state’s total point award which in turn, determines the amount of the grant that funds pipeline safety operations for the Commission.

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