

Arizona Corporation Commission's Pipeline Safety Section gets top ranking (KPHO- TV)

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The Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHSMA) has ranked the Arizona Corporation Commission's Pipeline Safety Section at 99.5 out of 100 on its yearly audit. PHSMA's audit ensures states meet federal safety standards and provides significant grant funding for those that do. PHSMA reimburses 80 percent of operating costs to the agencies that meet or exceed the standards. For the Commission's Safety Division, that means a reimbursement of \$1.2 million. "This is more than about bragging rights," said Commission Chairman Susan Bitter Smith. "This shows the high level of expertise in our division and the high bar that is set here in our state for safety and for the reliability of services."

The Commission's Safety Division has consistently performed at the top tier. Over the past five years, the division has received a score of 99 or higher. The Corporation's Safety Division conducts audits at 27 companies statewide. There are 38,442 miles of main and service distribution pipeline in Arizona serving 1.3 million customers.

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