

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 4, 2013

Greetings,

On behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), I invite you to attend the first in a series of safety symposiums to explore solutions to safety within California's utility services and infrastructure sectors. This symposium, *Forging a New Vision of Safety in California*, will be held May 7-8, 2013, in downtown San Francisco and will focus on natural gas safety issues. Sessions will be held at the Milton Marks Auditorium in the Johnson State Office Building at 455 Golden Gate Avenue. Please see the agenda below.

This symposium will allow representatives of the natural gas industry, government, and the public to convene and discuss ways to help create a climate and culture that embraces safety as an underlying and timeless principle in everything we do. The keynote speaker on the first day is Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. Panels will follow Chairman Hersman's introduction to explore the climate and culture of safety, the regulator's role in leading safety change, and effective emergency response.

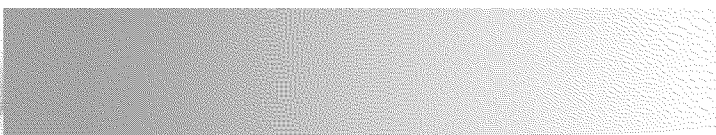
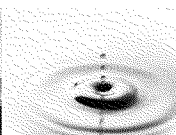
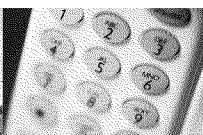
There is no charge to attend the conference, but reservations are requested so we can ensure space availability. Simply click on this symposium registration link and enter your information: <http://events.signup4.com/cpuCsafetysymposium> (Note that an optional dinner Tuesday evening at the Marines' Memorial Club requires an RSVP by May 1.)

As Director of the Safety and Enforcement Division of the CPUC, I believe our (industry and regulator) mission is to create a climate and culture that embraces safety as a tool and an enhancement to accomplish our organization's mission. This culture uses risk assessment and risk management as the foundation of assessing safety and the consequences of failure, and to assert that safety, with respect to human life and property, is non-negotiable. This symposium is an opportunity to establish collaborative relationships to develop solutions to the safety challenges we face in these dynamic times. I hope you will join me in this important dialog.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emory J. Hagan, III".

Emory J. Hagan, III  
Brigadier General (CA)  
Director, Safety and Enforcement Division  
California Public Utilities Commission



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## Forging a New Vision of Safety in California

### Natural Gas Safety Symposium

May 7-8, 2013, San Francisco

**What:** The first-ever gathering of California natural gas industry and regulatory leaders for a dialog about safety culture, the regulatory role in leading safety change, and effective emergency response.

**Keynote speakers:**

- Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board
- Captain Chesley Sullenberger, *former US Air Captain*

Plus, panel discussions by industry and regulatory leaders

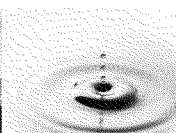
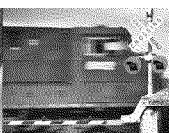
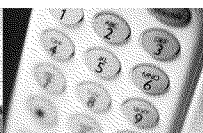
**Where:** Hiram Johnson State Building, Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco

**When:** May 7, 2013, 1:30 – 4:45 p.m. and May 8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Agenda

**Day 1: Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome**  
Brigadier General (CA) Jack Hagan, *Director, Safety and Enforcement Division, California Public Utilities Commission*
- 2 p.m. Keynote**  
Deborah A.P. Hersman, *Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board*
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break**



**3:30 p.m. Panel 1: Building a Climate and Culture of Safety**

Moderator: TBD

TBD, Alaska Airlines

Captain Jody Bridges, *USN, Director School of Aviation Safety, Pensacola FL*

Robert C. Figlock, *President, Advanced Survey Design, LLC*

Paul Levy, *former Chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and former CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center*

Nick Stavropoulos, *Executive Vice President, Gas Operations, Pacific Gas and Electric Company*

**5 p.m. Adjourn**

**Evening Event (Optional)**

**6 p.m. Reception (cash bar), Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel, 609 Sutter St., San Francisco**

**7 p.m. Dinner**

Evening Keynote: Captain Chesley Sullenberger, *former US Air Captain, pilot of the "Miracle on the Hudson" aviation incident*

**Day 2: Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**8:30 a.m. Panel 2: Effectively Managing Pipeline Emergency Response**

Moderator: TBD

Jerry Schmitz, *Vice President, Engineering, SouthWest Gas*

Joanne Hayes-White, *Chief, San Francisco Fire Department*

Tim Butters, *Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration*

Carl Weimer, *Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust*

**10 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m. Panel 3: Leading Safety – What Does Regulatory Leadership Look Like?**

Moderator: Paul Clanon, *Executive Director, California Public Utilities Commission*

Commissioner Mike Florio, *California Public Utilities Commission*

Commissioner Paul J. Roberti, *Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission*

Chris Johns, *President, Pacific Gas and Electric Company*

Dennis Arriola, *President & Chief Operating Officer, Southern California Gas Company*

**12 p.m. Concluding Remarks**

President Michael R. Peevey, *California Public Utilities Commission*

Brigadier General (CA) Jack Hagan, *Director, Safety and Enforcement Division, California Public Utilities Commission*

**12:30 p.m. Adjourn**