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Update for the Record –
National Transportation Safety Board
Recommendation P-98-25

P-98-25 – “Require Pipeline system operators to precisely locate and place permanent markers at sites where their gas and hazardous liquid pipelines cross navigable waterway.”

The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) requested that the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) draft a Recommended Practice for Locating and Marking Utilities where pipelines cross navigable waterways. On June 8, 2004, CGA met with RSPA staff to discuss a first draft of a recommended practice prepared by the CGA Research and Development Committee. RSPA staff provided comments to the draft recommended practice that will address permanent marking, temporary marking, and locating pipelines crossing waterways. The next step will be to finalize their draft and pass it on to the Recommended Practice Committee for approval. The R&D Committee will continue to research technical options for the use of locating underwater utilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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