

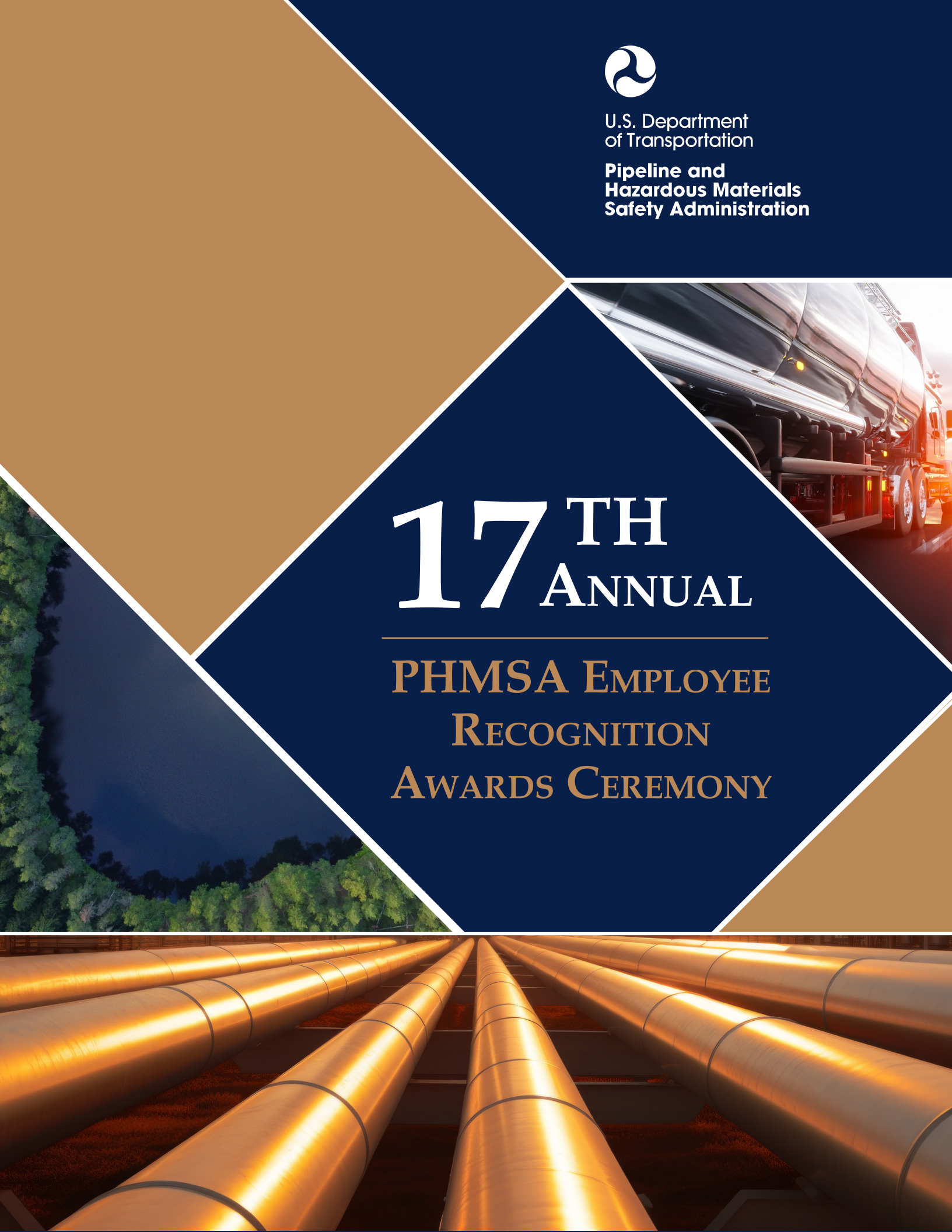


U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

17TH ANNUAL

PHMSA EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION
AWARDS CEREMONY





People First...

...Mission Always





A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR TRISTAN BROWN

Welcome to the 17th Annual PHMSA Employee Recognition Award Ceremony. As Deputy Administrator, it is my great honor to host this distinguished event. Today, we gather not just to celebrate excellence but to reaffirm our collective commitment to safety, innovation, and integrity in the pipeline and hazardous materials industries and to each other.

Since its inception, PHMSA has been at the forefront of promoting safety and environmental protection in the transportation of hazardous materials and the operation of pipeline facilities. Our Agency oversees more than 3.3 million miles of regulated pipeline across the United States, in addition to 1.2 million daily shipments of hazardous material. This immense responsibility underscores the important work we do and the essential contributions of our teammates.

Today's ceremony allows us the opportunity to reflect on the significance of our work and the difference we make in the lives of the American people. Our honorees are a subset of an incredibly productive Agency-wide team—and we know that many more awards are likely deserved. Together, we continue to support each other in striving for excellence, upholding the highest standards of safety and service, and working diligently towards a safer, more secure future.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration, and once again, congratulations to all the PHMSA award recipients we are recognizing today. The work you do reflects the very best of PHMSA, and it is my honor to recognize and celebrate your contributions and achievements.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Presentation of Colors & National Anthem

Deputy Administrator Tristan Brown

Stacy Gerard

Carlos Monje Jr.

Under Secretary, OST Office of the Under Secretary for Transportation Policy

Presentation of Awards

Superior Achievement (Bronze Medal) Award

Contribution to Excellence Award

Civility, Diversity and Inclusion Award

Office of Pipeline Safety Inspector or Investigator of the Year

Office Of Hazardous Materials Safety Investigator of the Year

Safety Leader Award

Team Award for Innovation and Collaboration

Mission Support Employee of the Year Award

Employee Years of Service Recognition

Award for Exemplary Achievement – The “Eagle” Award

Administrator’s Special Recognition Awards

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT (BRONZE MEDAL) AWARD

This award is in recognition of an employee or team whose performance consistently exceeds normal job expectations and has contributed in an exceptional way to the accomplishment of a specific Agency project or initiative.

Individual Bronze Award

Mr. Hill ensured PHMSA maintained a positive reputation with the media and public stakeholders, including concerned landowners affected by planned pipelines and pipelines under construction. He also ensured the effective handling of numerous technical assistance requests from Congress. Additionally, he went above and beyond the call of duty in 2023 to address a variety of complex issues that arose in the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Damon Hill

Team Bronze Award

The SpaceX Dragon 2 Space Capsule Crewed Recovery Team

In recognition of their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts spanning a five-week period, ensuring seamless operations in the issuance of permits and approvals crucial for mission success, we proudly present the Eagle Award to the SpaceX Dragon 2 Space Capsule Crewed Recovery Team.

Donald Burger

Andrea Dunham

Lad Falat

Cheryl West Freeman

Tony Gale

Shane Kelley

Michael Klem

Vallary Maxey

Harpreet Singh

Andrea Smith

Ryan Vierling

Brian Vos

CONTRIBUTION TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This award is in recognition of an employee or team whose efforts in an operational support role provided vital assistance to PHMSA colleagues and meaningfully enhanced the agency's capabilities in pursuit of its safety mission. This year, two employees and one team will be recognized.

Individual Award

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to PHMSA's hazmat safety mission – safely enabling innovation and new technologies through modernized transportation safety standards

Matthew Nickels

The next award is to an employee for his vital contributions on teams advancing Administration-priority pipeline safety-enhancing rulemaking projects, important litigation efforts, and critical policy development initiatives.

Jeremy Henowitz

Team Award

The next award is to a Team for their outstanding dedication, work ethic, technical knowledge, teamwork, collaboration, and dedication, in Liquefied natural gas (LNG) oversight while inspiring others to strive for excellence in their own pursuits. This award goes to the: LNG Engineering Team.

Yasmin Alamin

Yunmaio Liang

Thach Nguyen

Katherine Roth

Seth Schreiber

Chau Tran

CIVILITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

The Civility, Diversity, and Inclusion (CDI) Award recognizes an employee or team for outstanding efforts to further PHMSA's goal of fostering an inclusive agency culture that values and celebrates the contributions of every member of the agency's diverse workforce.

The initiatives implemented by this team increased the diversity of PHMSA's workforce and made it more representative of the nation it serves. For outstanding leadership and initiative in achieving a more collaborative and equitable workplace, our Civility, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Dionne Dent

Frances Dilsaver

Michelle Franklin

Steven Graham

Iesha Lewis

Robin Miller

Chastity Morris

Humaira Tokhi Siddiqi

Nicolette Thomas

PHH INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to an OHMS Investigator in recognition of exemplary performance of duty in identifying and responding to safety issues of national significance and whose efforts stand as a credit to the Agency and the Department.

For his commitment to the safe transportation of hazardous materials, and his ability to investigate, educate and foster strong relationships with stakeholders, through his tireless engagement and dedication to success in supporting the Department's and PHMSA's safety mission.

John Grutmacher

PHP INSPECTOR / INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Office of Pipeline Safety Inspector or Investigator of the Year Award for exemplary performance of duty in identifying and responding to safety issues of national significance and whose efforts stand as a credit to the Agency and the Department.

For his accomplishments in 2023 to address pipeline safety issues regarding geohazards, compressor station inadequacies and training for operator personnel.

Russell Spruill
Matthew Valerio

SAFETY LEADER AWARD

This award is presented to a PHMSA employee whose efforts have demonstrated leadership, commitment, and forward-thinking in pursuit of the agency's safety mission and have set a standard of performance worthy of emulation by his or her colleagues.

For her unwavering dedication and inspiring leadership in safeguarding the public and the environment, through exceptional contributions to PHMSA's mission.

Mary McDaniel

TEAM AWARD FOR INNOVATION & COLLABORATION

This award is in recognition of a cross-functional team whose performance has exemplified teamwork, demonstrated creativity and novelty, and made a meaningful and lasting contribution to the work of the Agency.

The Team Award for Innovation and Collaboration goes to: PHMSA and FAA Foreign Facility Aircraft Cylinder Requalification Process Innovation Team for exceptional collaboration, creative development and innovative implementation of the PHMSA and FAA Foreign Facility Aircraft Cylinder Requalification Process Innovation Initiative.

John Benning (FAA)

Neil Benninghoven

Duane Cassidy

Duane Pfund

Stuart Streck

Steven Webb

Aaron Wiener

Rolando Yagin

Each of these individuals made a significant contribution to the overall success of this team.

MISSION SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Mission Support Employee of the Year Award is to recognize the exemplary performance of an employee of one of the support offices that made an essential contribution to PHMSA's mission and that stands as a credit to the Agency and the Department.

For exceptional work ethic, leadership, and commitment to excellence and exemplary contributions to the Human Resources team.

Humaira Tokhi Siddiqi

EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Career Service Awards recognize employees who have reached key five-year milestones of service with the Federal Government.

35 Years

Yolanda J Chinn

Edward F Dunne

30 Years

Harpreet K. Singh

25 Years

Ursula L. Anglin

Jaime Espinoza

Shelby Matthew Fuller

Wayne F. St.Germain

Patrick D Wycko

20 Years

Kandilarya Jacaman Barakat

Michael A. Burkhardt

Karen A. Butler

April D. Charnota

Vincent D. Holohan

David J. Mulligan

Gregory A. Ochs

Sean P. Quinlan

Michael E. Reles

Duane L. Rush

Ian G. Weissgerber

Zhongquan Zhou

Stephanie J. Zuehlke

PHMSA Retirements

Susan Anderson

Kristi Bonnett

Arthur Buff

Sherry Borener

Lynnette Bushaw

Byron Coy

Barbara Dahlinger

Dollie Dewalt

Ronald Di Giovanna

Daniel Fisher

Peter Katchmar

Patricia Klinger

Steven Nanney

Christian Sellu

Daniel Shea

Kameron Walch

Sharon Webb

Earl Whitley

EAGLE AWARD

The Administrator’s Eagle Award represents the highest level of professional achievement by individuals or a team. Recipients of the Eagle Award have demonstrated unsurpassed leadership in the accomplishment of the PHMSA mission.

Individual Award

For his exceptional leadership in the safe and timely resumption of operations of Freeport LNG, supporting the Administration’s energy security goals for Eastern Europe.

Chad Hall

Team Award

Mountain Valley Pipeline Construction Project Team

For their exemplary commitment to the safe transportation of natural gas while ensuring public safety and protecting the environment, the Eagle Medal goes to the Mountain Valley Pipeline Construction Project Team.

Robert Burrough
Ignacio Castro
Wayne Chan
Lauren Clegg
Joseph Dillon
Benjamin Fred
Karen Gentile
Damon Hill
Kimberly Harrigan
Karen Lynch
Joseph Klesin

Bruce Nilson
Sean O’Brien
Gilles Polla
Gregory Puth
Nita Raju
Emma Ross
William Rush
Barry Small
Michael Springer
Joseph St. Peter
Colin Wisser

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

PHA

Dionne Dent
Shonny Ogunfiditimi

Humaira Tokhi Siddiqi
Nicolette Thomas

PHG

Joshua Daniels

PHMSA Convocation Team

Jose Cajar
Donna Bexley
Lisa Farmer
Gerson Gomez

Cynthia Rush
Amy Slovacek
Dustin Turner

PHP

Max Kieba

PHH

Alan Carson
Pat Lease
Jorg Kaltenegger
Boris Pukhovitskiy

Mayra Ramos
Dan Richards
Craig Sears
Mike Senigo

PHO

Anteneh Tesfaw

Shelby (Matt) Fuller

PHC

Eugenia Jackson
Lisa Farmer

Dolores Francis

