

# Pipeline Imports and Related Issues

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# Background - Timeline

- September 2009 – Charter reaches out to API, CAPP, and CEPA to work together to raise non-uniform port practices and other pipeline issues with CBP.
- October 2008 – At Trade Symposium, Charter meets with CBP OT and agrees to form the Ad Hoc Pipeline Imports Group (AHPIG).
  - Group includes pipeline shippers, pipeline operators, natural gas and crude oil producers, and brokers.
  - Goal was to engage CBP to discuss various operational issues, import activity, and future trends for pipeline import processes.

# Timeline (continued)

- December 2008 – AHPIG originally consists of 12 members representing importers, producers, pipeline operators, and brokers.
- January/February 2009 – AHPIG develops pipeline background materials for upcoming meeting.
- February 27, 2009 – CBP met with AHPIG at Washington, D.C. Deliverables were:
  - CBP would review non-uniform port practices related to pipeline imports
  - AHPIG would develop a pipeline import process white paper

# Timeline (continued)

- March-June 2009 – AHPIG works on pipeline white paper. AHPIG grows to exceed 45 members.
- June 2009 – AHPIG unable to reach a unanimous position; therefore, suspends work on white paper.
- June-December 2009 – CBP begins to reach out to various industry members to gather more specific processing information.
- February 10, 2010 – Pipeline operators-CBP meeting scheduled and then postponed due to inclement weather.

# Timeline (continued)

- February 11, 2010 – Pipeline stakeholders-CBP meeting scheduled and then postponed due to inclement weather.
- April 2010 – Pipeline operators-CBP and pipeline stakeholders-CBP Washington, D.C. meetings rescheduled.

# Pipeline Stakeholders

## Topical Issues

- Petroleum and Natural Gas
  - Point of entry/release
  - Transfer of title
  - Importer of record
  - Monthly and non-monthly entry filing
  - Pipeline activity reports
- Manifest Requirements

# Pipeline Stakeholders

## Topical Issues (continued)

- In-Bond Movements
  - IE/IT/T&E
  - Availability of information
  - Custodial bond requirements
  - International carrier bonds
- Measurement Standards and Metering Stations
- Moving Forward – Pipeline Stakeholders-CBP relationship

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