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## CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Safety

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#### Pipeline Safety Trust History



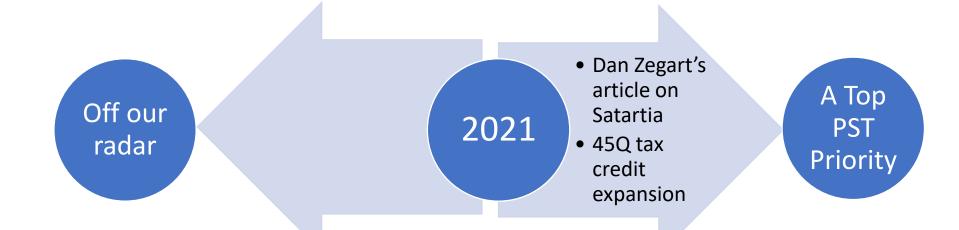
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Safety



### PST and CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines





#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines - History

- 1986 Lake Nyos, Cameroon tragedy
- 1988 PHMSA final rule
- 2020 Satartia, MS disaster
- 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
- 2022 Inflation Reduction Act



# Pipeline Safety



#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Test Rupture

https://www.dnv.com/oilgas/laboratories-test-sites/dense-phase-spadeadam-video.html



#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines Report – Major findings

Carbon dioxide means a fluid consisting of more than 90 percent carbon dioxide molecules compressed to a supercritical state.



**Potential Impact Area** 





#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines Report – Major findings

- Very narrow definition of CO<sub>2</sub> in the regulations
- Insufficient process to determine Potential Impact Areas
- Unique fracture propagation potential
- No requirement for odorant
- Emergency response requirements are lacking
- No standards on contaminants
- Insufficient regulations on conversion of existing pipeline



#### PHMSA's Response

- Satartia Accident Investigation Report
- Fine on Denbury
- Initiating a new rulemaking for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines
- Funding new R&D projects

#### Challenges Ahead

- No congressional mandate
- Rulemaking will take years
- Statutory limitations



Figure 6. Failure Location (Upstream to Downstream)



#### Thank You!

PST CO2 Pipeline Report and Backgrounder –

https://pstrust.org/carbon-dioxide-pipelines-dangerous-and-under-regulated/

- Article <u>The Gassing of Satartia</u>
- Video <u>8" CO2 Pipeline Test Rupture</u>

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