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MPSC's Pipeline Safety Division Wraps Up Operator Seminar in Flowood

Jackson, Mississippi (September 17, 2026)— More than 100 gas pipeline operators from every corner of Mississippi spent two days in Flowood this week for the Mississippi Public Service Commission's (MPSC) Pipeline Safety Division 2026 Operator Seminar, hosted in partnership with the Mississippi Natural Gas Association (MNGA).

Brandon Lee of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) led much of the training, walking operators through gas requirements for gas reporting, operations and maintenance, emergency response, line markers, design and construction, and maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP). Additional presenters included Brandi Murriell of RussMar Utility Management and MNGA's Cherrell Grogan of MNGA also presented, with Grogan covering PHMSA drug and alcohol program updates. Mississippi 811, Inc. rounded out the seminar with a session on damage prevention, and MPSC Pipeline Safety Director Kaleb Gibson briefed attendees on the Commission's latest pipeline safety updates.

"This seminar is one of the most valuable resources we have for keeping Mississippi's natural gas systems safe," said Kaleb Gibson, MPSC Pipeline Safety Director. "Getting more than 100 operators from across the state in one room to learn, ask questions and sharpen their skills is a real investment in the safety of the communities they serve. We're glad to bring PHMSA and other industry experts to the table so our operators have the most current information available."

The MPSC oversees natural gas pipeline systems across the state to help ensure they're operated safely and reliably.

"Pipeline safety is public safety," the Commissioners said. "Every operator who came out for this seminar plays a part in protecting Mississippi families, businesses and communities. We appreciate our partnership with PHMSA, and we appreciate the operators across our state who keep showing up and putting safety first."

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