

## Securing the Lifelines of

government agencies like PHMSA are crucial. However, regulatory efforts must evolve to keep pace with technological advancements and changing industry dynamics. The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) advocates for regulations that promote the adoption of new technologies and best practices in pipeline safety (INGAA, 2021).

Raising public and governmental awareness is essential for enhancing safety in the midstream oil and gas sector. When a transparent flow of information between industry stakeholders, regulatory bodies, and the public, it can undoubtedly lead to better decision-making and fosters an environment where the necessary investments in infrastructure upgrades are more readily supported. Transparency is key.

A 2018 Harvard Business Review study revealed that energy sector companies that display transparency about their operations and safety measures saw a 30% increase in public trust (Harvard Business Review, 2018), underlining the continuing importance of transparency in

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