

## **API Pipeline SMS Group Membership Agreement**

**Goals.** Participation in the API Pipeline SMS is an effort designed to educate stakeholders and enhance safe pipeline operations through the implementation and use of API RP 1173.

**Eligibility.** Every U.S. company operating a pipeline in the United States is eligible to participate in the API Pipeline SMS initiative regardless of its membership status with API, AOPL, or any other organization.

**Activities.** Group members will exchange ideas, information, and lessons about implementation of RP 1173, Pipeline Safety Management Systems, in an effort to advance pipeline safety for individual companies and the industry as a whole. In the event that a group member contributes safety performance information, API agrees to treat such information as confidential and to blind and aggregate all reports received in any related API publication.

**Logo Usage.** API grants you a license to use the API Pipeline SMS Group logo trademark in your marketing materials and communications, limited to indicating membership in the API Pipeline SMS initiative. You agree that the API Pipeline SMS Group mark is the trademark of API, and that you will use it only in accordance with the above license. You agree not to use the mark to state or imply an approval or endorsement of your company by API. You understand that members may not use API's other marks, including "API," "American Petroleum Institute," or the stylized API corporate logos "EnergyAPI" and "API."

**Relationship of the Parties.** Participation in the API Pipeline SMS Group initiative does not constitute membership in API. Participants agree that the API Pipeline SMS Group initiative does not constitute a partnership or joint venture, and the parties remain independent entities.

If the above is acceptable to you and you would like to join the API Pipeline SMS Group, please sign and date below on behalf of your company.

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Company Name

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Date