

Pipeline Operator Commitment to Public Stakeholders

Pipeline companies operating an existing pipeline or considering a new project are committed to the principles outlined in [API Recommended Practice \(RP\) 1185, Pipeline Public Engagement](#), published in 2024. Pipeline operators continue to voluntarily implement the RP to develop long-term relationships, build trust, and achieve meaningful involvement in the shared pursuit of improving pipeline safety and environmental stewardship.

RP 1185 reflects the values of pipeline owners to solicit input and positively engage the stakeholders and communities we operate in over the life cycle of a pipeline. The RP defines stakeholders as individuals, including communities and populations and their representatives, potentially affected by a pipeline who have an interest in the pipeline. It goes on to note that stakeholders include the public, landowners and tenants, federal, state, and local government, emergency officials, and Tribal Nations.

Commitment to Stakeholders

We commit to effective engagement as embodied by API RP 1185. We seek to negotiate in good faith, be responsive to their questions and concerns and consistent in upholding our commitments to them. The good faith application of the following principles comprises the basis of RP 1185:

—Discussion, sharing of truthful, timely, and relevant information, and willingness to listen and learn and nurture an environment of transparency.

—Considering and respecting others' points of view by listening to questions, understanding concerns, and allowing each other to share perspectives.

—Communication and action for mutual benefit, listening as well as speaking, being responsive to inquiries and interests, and sharing responsibility for interactions and relationships.

—A deliberate effort to involve stakeholders interested in the subject or action.

—Commitment to provide a variety of methods and opportunities for all interested stakeholders to participate.

—Recognition that different stakeholders have different resources and live under different circumstances, but all are afforded an opportunity for meaningful engagement to inform decision-making.