PIÑON GATHERING SYSTEM PROJECT

- TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY -

TRAFFIC

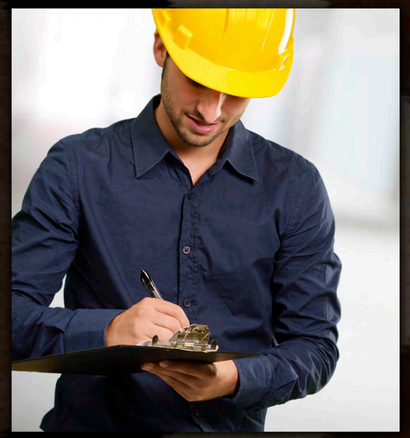
The Piñon Gathering System Project Environmental Assessment (EA) will analyze impacts to traffic levels during construction and operation on the primary roads affected by the project.

During construction, traffic levels may increase in the Lybrook area, as well as the Prewitt and Milan areas. The EA will include a quantifiable analysis of any such traffic impacts during construction.

If the Piñon Gathering System is constructed and made operational, there would be a reduction in the number of crude oil tanker trucks on area roads, thereby reducing congestion and traffic incidents caused by crude oil tanker trucks.

SAFETY

The EA will include an analysis of any potential risks to public health or environmental safety.



The BLM requires that the applicant submit safety plans before the BLM makes a decision regarding the Project. The applicant has submitted safety plans including a Safety Response Plan, a Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Prevention, Containment, and Counter Measure Plan; and a Fire Prevention and Suppression Plan. All plans will be reviewed by the appropriate regulatory agencies and revised or updated as necessary.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is responsible for the federal safety standards for construction and operation of pipelines and related facilities.

SPILL RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

The EA will include a full list of the Project's safety-related design features, which minimize and mitigate the potential for any spill. In the unlikely event of a spill, the response plan will include full clean-up measures. These will be described in the EA. The EA will also include safety measures designed to protect public health and natural resources including soils, air, surface and ground waters, and wildlife.

All employees and contractors engaged in project construction and operation would be made aware of and trained in spill response.

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