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# PHMSA Office of Pipeline Safety Southern Region

## PHMSA Southern Region Update

### NAPSR Southern Region Meeting

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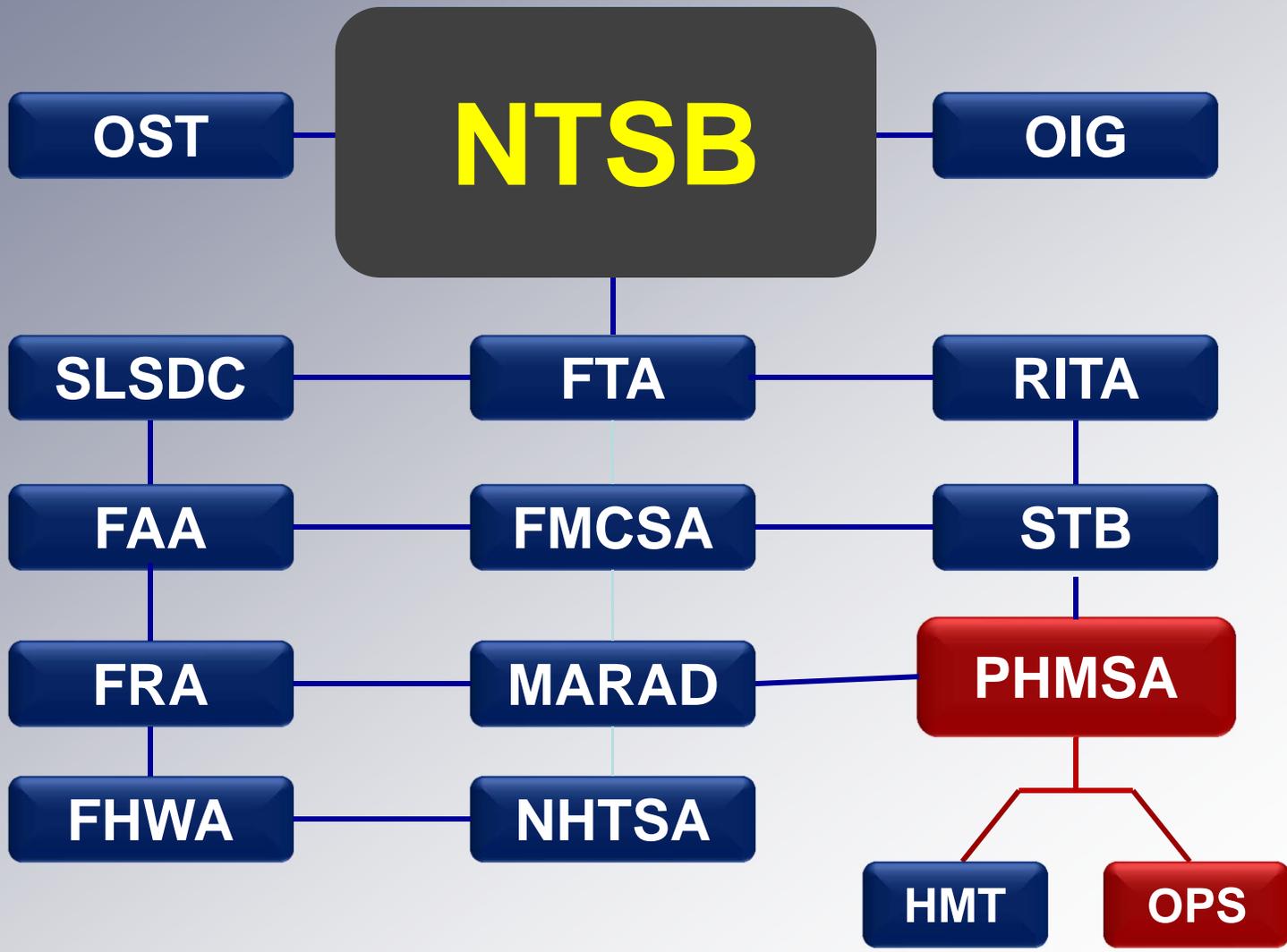


## Presentation Overview

- ✓ **DOT/PHMSA/OPS/Southern Region**
- ✓ **State regulation in Southern Region**
- ✓ **Pipelines in Southern Region**
- ✓ **Enforcement Actions, Southern Region**
- ✓ **LPG Systems**
- ✓ **Public Complaints/Inquiries**
- ✓ **Record Keeping**

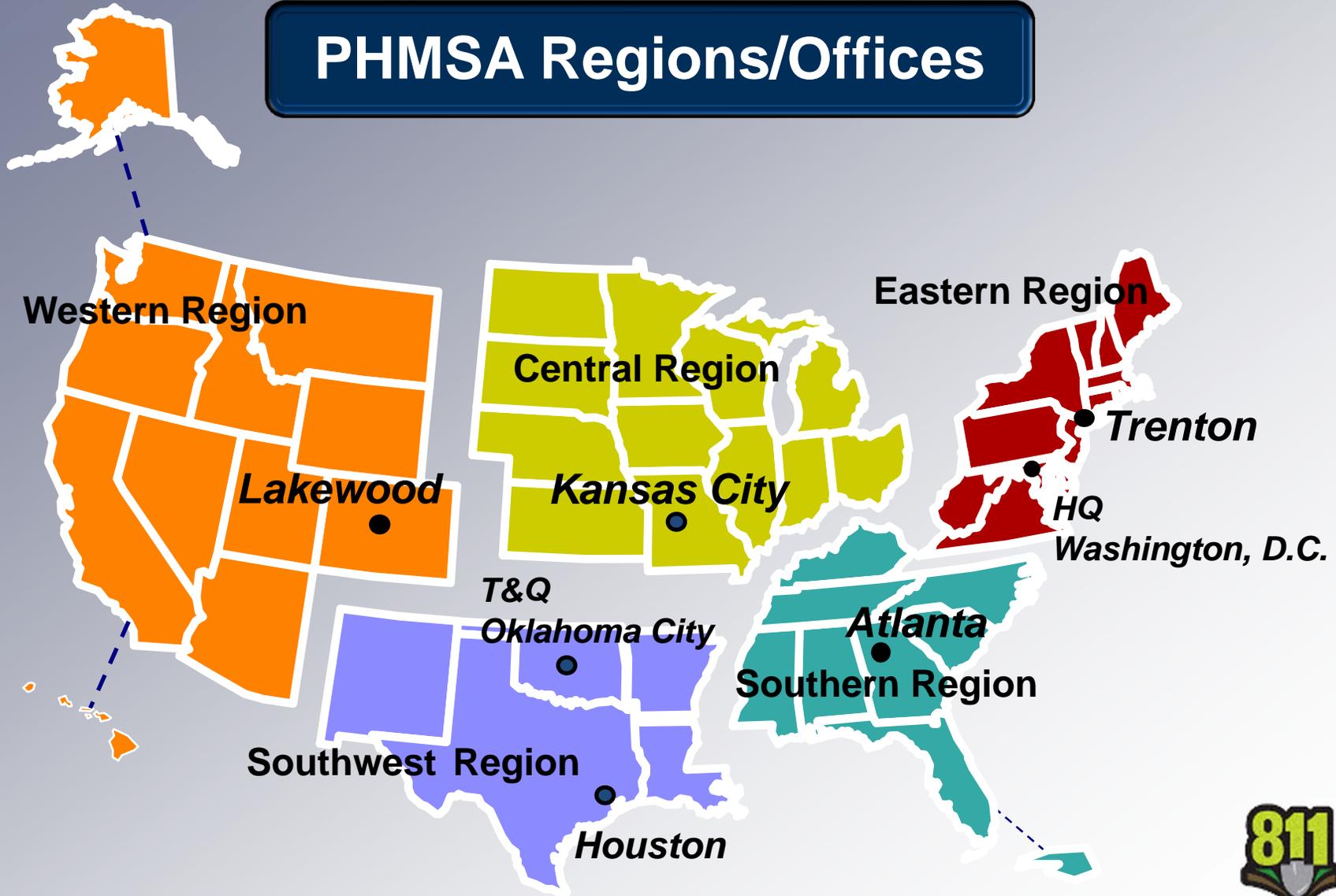


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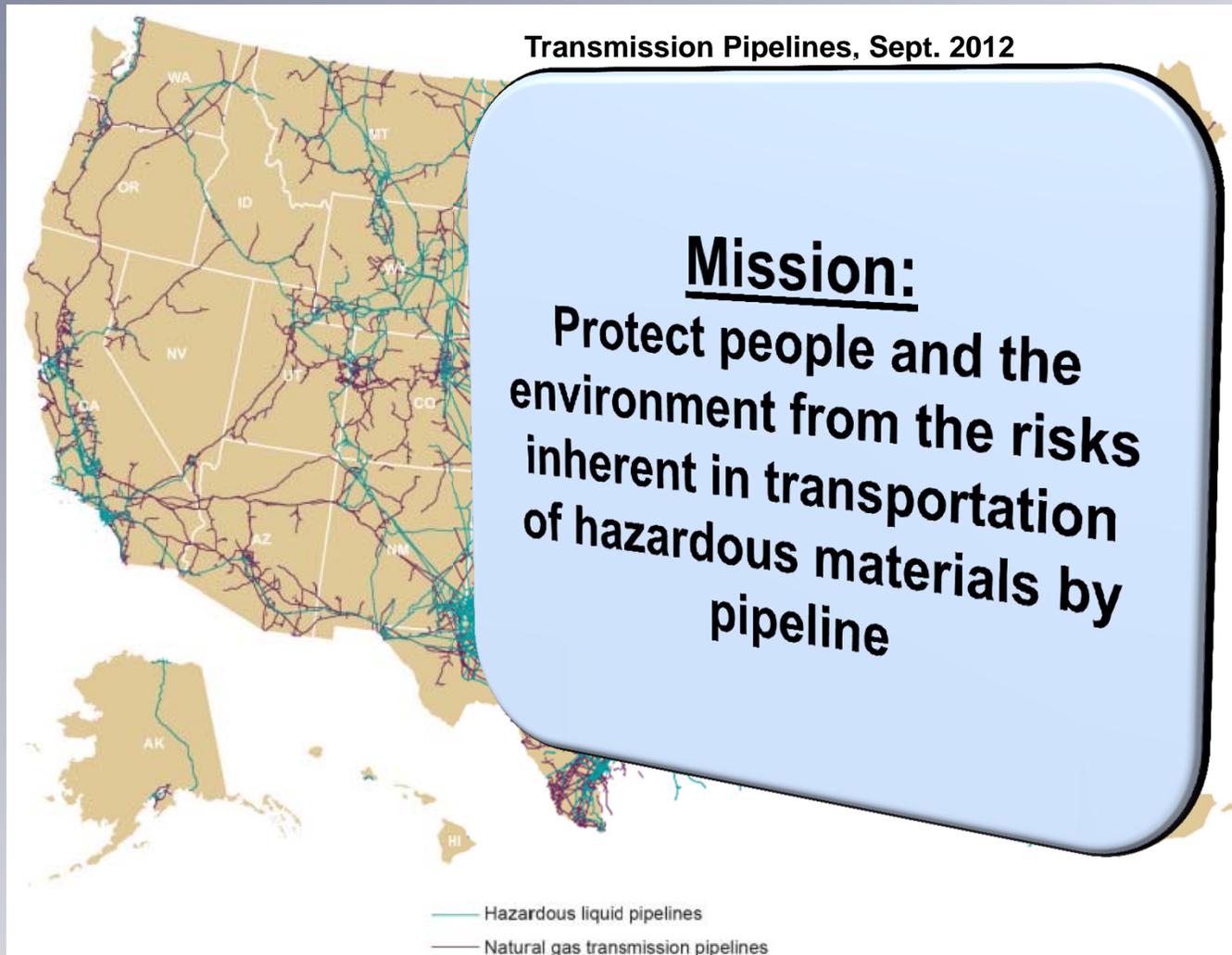
# PHMSA Regions/Offices



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# Who Regulates Pipelines in the Southern Region?



OPS inspects, regulates and enforces pipeline safety requirements for ***interstate natural gas*** and both ***intrastate and interstate hazardous liquid***



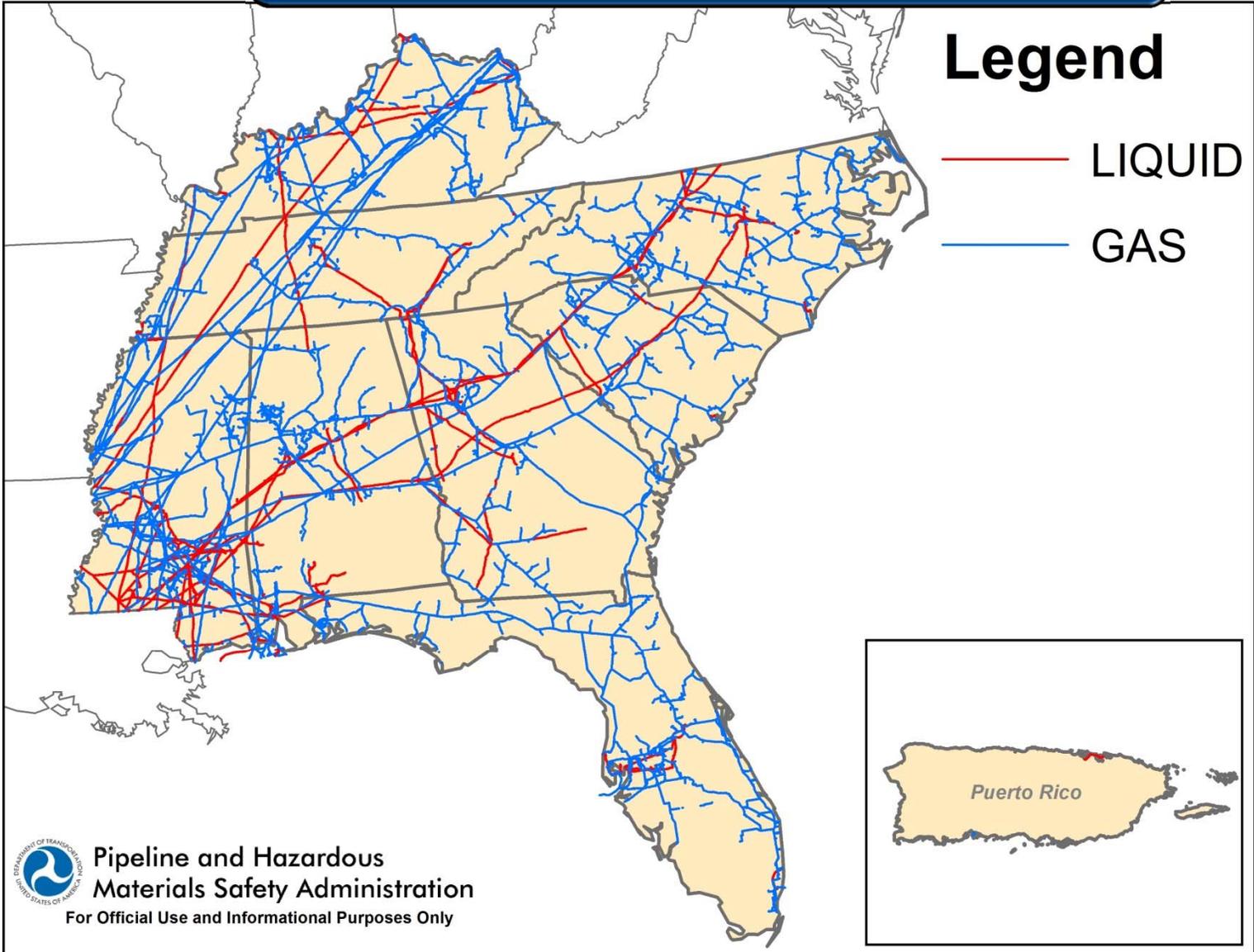
Through certification by OPS, the states regulate, inspect, and enforce ***intrastate natural gas*** pipeline safety requirements. Alabama - ***intrastate hazardous liquid***



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# Pipelines in Southern Region





## Pipelines in Southern Region

Type	Mileage	Percentage
<b>Gas Distribution</b>	<b>384,267</b>	<b>86.5%</b>
<b>Gas Transmission</b>	<b>45,896</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Gas Gathering</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Hazardous Liquid</b>	<b>12,050</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>444,389</b>	<b>100%</b>

**26 LNG Plants and 47 LNG Tanks**



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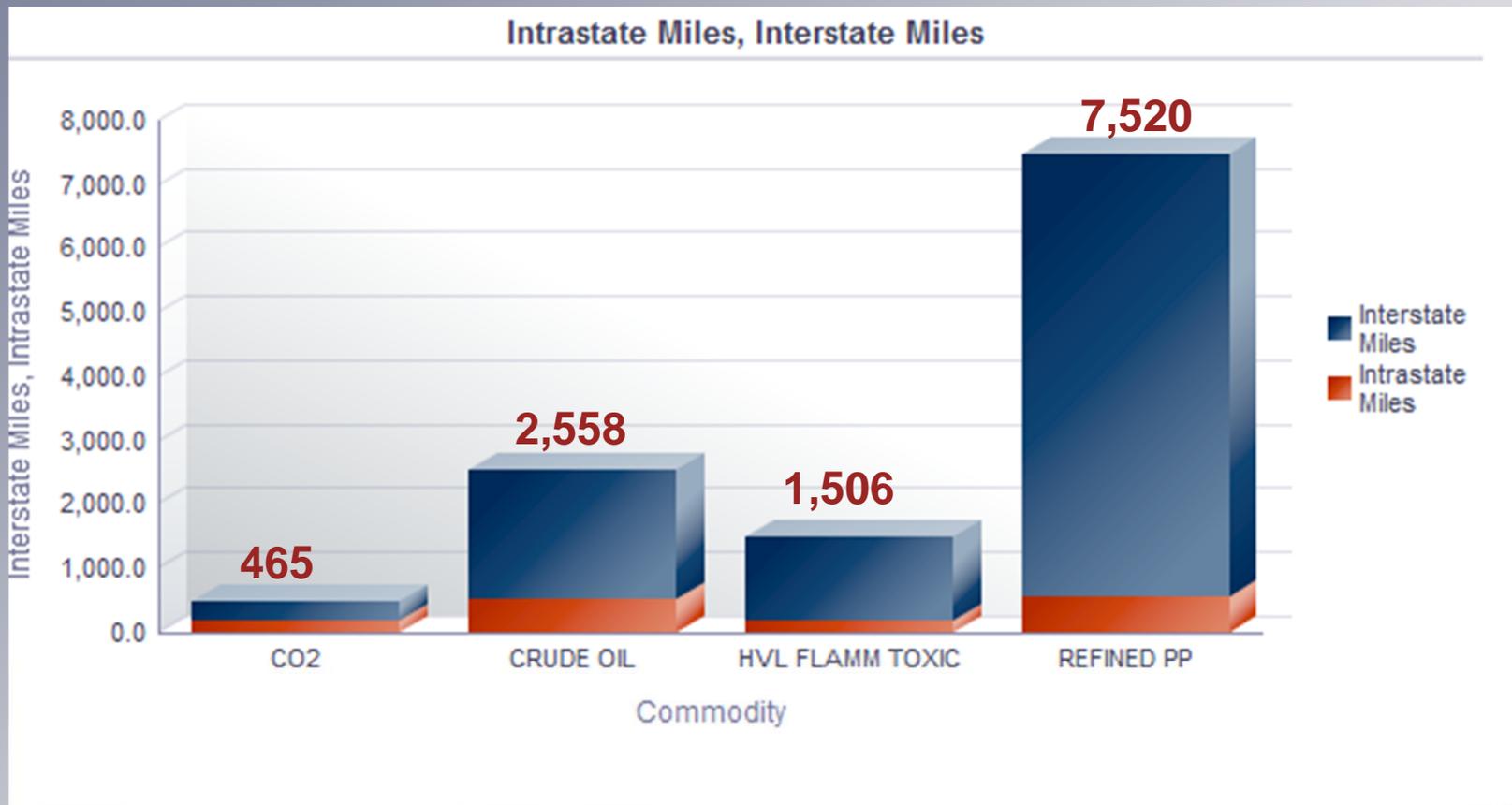
# How Many Times Can Southern Region Pipelines Circumnavigate Earth?



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# Hazardous Liquids – Southern Region



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# Enforcement Actions Southern Region



2012 ACTIONS	ISSUED
Warning Letters	19
Letters of Concern	6
Notices of Amendment	17
Corrective Action Order	1
Notice of Safety Order	0
Notices of Probable Violation/PCP	2
Notices of Probable Violation/PCO	1
Notices of Probable Violation/PCP/PCO	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>



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# Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) Systems

- Florida does not inspect LPG systems (as of January 1, 2008)
- PHMSA inspects LPG systems
- Inspector works out of Tampa home
- Regulated LPG Systems: LP Gas tanks serving 10 or more customers or tanks located at public places serving fewer than 10 customers.
- PHMSA inspected 32 regulated LPG systems and issued 10 warning letters and one Notice of Amendment
- As of April 12th, PHMSA inspected 11 regulated LPG systems and issued 4 warning letters. One enforcement action letter is in process of going to the operator.





## Records – Southern Region

- **FOIA – If we have records in office**
- **Cleaning up old records, organizing, going electronic**
- **Easier to look for FOIA records**





## Public Complaints/Inquiries

- **Right-of-Way**
- **Regulator Station (“not in my backyard”)**
- **Cell Phone Tower**
- **Sheen/odors in park**
- **Trees removed by power company – erosion – gas pipeline**





## National Safe Digging Month

- Major cause of pipeline incidents
- 1992-2010: 23.4% incidents, 34.9% fatalities
- Easy to prevent
- DOT and 811
- 2010 National Survey for 811





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