

Fact Sheet: DOE/National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership

Summary: Building on many years of productive collaboration, the U.S. Department of Energy will work with NARUC to encourage investments in infrastructure modernization to enhance pipeline safety, efficiency and deliverability. State Public Utility Commissions serve a leading role in ensuring continued investments are made to secure safe, reliable, affordable and robust natural gas delivery service across the country. Through the Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership, DOE in cooperation with other federal agencies where appropriate and NARUC will collaborate on research, technical workshops, convening, and information sharing.

DOE contributions to the partnership may include provision of staff resources, grants, workshops and technical assistance to help inform state utility commissioners. In particular, DOE will serve as a resource for state commissions regarding leading technologies and practices for identifying and measuring system leaks and conducting repairs.

NARUC contributions to the partnership will include identifying state commissions that may benefit from such an engagement and from information concerning new technologies for measuring system leaks and conducting repairs. NARUC will also advise DOE on how to make its research program as useful as possible to state commissioners.

Under the Partnership, DOE may provide staff resources and grant funding for technical support to:

- Inform state commissioners and staff about new and advanced leak measurement technology.
- DOE/NETL-facilitated technical workshops on technologies and practices, particularly for leak detection, measurement and repair.
- DOE/NETL-facilitated briefings for NARUC Committees on key insights from federal efforts.
- Support NARUC's continuing efforts to identify model state programs for accelerated pipeline replacement programs.
- Share research results, technology tools and practices with states.