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PIPES DELIVERED 8.3 BILLION BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL IN 2013
New Report Documents Increases in Pipeline Usage and Mileage

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) released a report detailing the dramatic increases in crude oil and petroleum products pipeline mileage and usage in recent years. The U.S. Liquids Pipeline Usage & Mileage Report by AOPL and the American Petroleum Institute documents increases in crude oil, refined petroleum products and natural gas liquids delivered by pipeline and mileage of those pipelines.

“Pipeline usage and mileage are growing to bring the benefits of America’s energy production renaissance to American workers and consumers,” said Andrew Black, AOPL President & CEO.

North America is currently in the middle of an energy production renaissance. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. crude oil production has grown by 3 million barrels per day since early 2011 and will grow another 3.1 million barrels by 2019. U.S. pipelines are extending their mileage and increasing volumes delivered to meet this challenge.

In 2013, U.S. liquids pipelines carrying crude oil, refined petroleum products, and natural gas liquids totaled 192,396 miles. Over the last 5 years, total liquids pipeline mileage increased 16,431 miles or 9.3%. U.S. transmission pipelines delivered 14.948 billion barrels of crude oil and petroleum products in 2013, up 869 million barrels or 6.2% over 2012 and 1.431 billion barrels or 10.6% higher over the last 5 years.

In 2013, U.S. crude oil pipelines stretched 60,911 miles, a 3,448 mile or 6.0% increase over 2012. Over the last 5 years, crude oil pipeline mileage increased 8,174 miles or 15.5%. During the last 10 years, crude oil pipeline mileage grew 11,647 miles or 23.6%.

In 2013, U.S. pipelines delivered 8.306 billion barrels of crude oil, an 845 million barrel or 11.3% increase over 2012. Over the last 5 years, crude oil delivered by pipeline increased 1.351 billion barrels, a 19.4% increase.

Crude oil pipelines deliver crude oil from production regions to storage hubs and refineries. Refined petroleum products pipelines deliver gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and other refined petroleum products from refineries to local distribution centers. Natural gas liquids deliver industrial feedstocks such as ethane for manufacturing uses and propane for consumer heating and agricultural uses. Together, these pipelines are referred to as liquids pipelines because the delivered products are in a liquid state when they are in the pipeline.