## Portland Pipe Line Corporation Awarded the American Petroleum Institute Distinguished Safety and Environmental Award for Performance in 2011

Highest Safety and Environmental Performance Award for Pipeline Operators

**South Portland, ME (April 19, 2012)** – Portland Pipe Line Corporation, a Mainebased company that operates pipelines and terminals, was awarded the American Petroleum Institute (API) Distinguished Safety and Environmental Award in the small pipeline operator category. The award, given at the API Pipeline Awards and Conference, is API's highest safety and environmental performance award for pipeline operators.

The company also won the API Operator Occupational Safety Award for its record of no *Occupational Safety and Health Administration* (OSHA) recordable incidents for employees and contractors and the API Operator Environmental Performance Award for environmental excellence in the small pipeline operator category.

"We are committed to public safety and environmental responsibility and are proud that our industry peers have recognized our outstanding success in these areas," said Larry Wilson, president of Portland Pipe Line Corporation. "These awards are a tribute to our employees, who day in and day out make sure that we operate to the highest standards."

Portland Pipe Line won for its outstanding record of safety and environmental performance, and its continued use of technology and management systems. The company successfully demonstrated outstanding safety and environmental performance over several years and was recognized for its strong management and employee involvement and commitment. Other factors in receiving the awards included:

- Zero injuries in 2011.
- Strong public outreach programs and a Public Awareness Program with strong ties to local communities and stakeholders, resulting in no third party damage in 2011.
- An active and effective employee and contractor safety management system with strong involvement at all levels in the organization.
- A staff that is highly trained in emergency response and a strong working relationship with government agencies.
- Supporting the implementation of new technology to help enhance harbor navigation training for Portland Harbor.

To be eligible for these awards the company had to complete a survey that gauges safety performance on a yearly basis and participate in the Pipeline Performance Tracking System which provides detailed information on releases from liquid pipeline systems of 5 gallons and more, infrastructure data related to

the physical characteristics of the system, and certain integrity management activities completed during the year.

## **About Portland Pipe Line**

Portland Pipe Line Corporation is a Maine based company and wholly owned subsidiary of Montreal Pipe Line Limited, a privately held company incorporated in Canada. The corporate headquarters is in South Portland, Maine, and the pipeline system operates as the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line (PMPL).

PMPL owns and operates a marine tanker unloading facility, two tank farms (South Portland, Maine and Montreal, Quebec) and a system of pump stations and pipelines that run 236 miles along a common right-of-way from the state of Maine to Quebec. Since it first opened in 1941, PMPL has delivered over 5.5 billion barrels of crude oil to Canada. It is an energy system that through cooperation and careful planning has been able to protect the environment and deliver oil safely for more than a half-century.

Additional information can be found at <a href="https://www.pmpl.com">www.pmpl.com</a>.

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