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**Keywords**

Hazardous material transportation

**Description**

This document provides a brief history of the Department of Transportation and its roles, philosophy and scope, and provides links to the agency website.

**Supporting Material**

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# Mission

The mission of the Department is to:

Serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.

# ****Statutory Authority****

The Department of Transportation was established by an act of Congress on October 15, 1966. The Department’s first official day of operation was April 1, 1967.

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# Nuclear Transportation Reference—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

PHMSA's mission is to protect people and the environment from the risks inherent in transportation of hazardous materials - by pipeline and other modes of transportation.

# Agency Goals

* Safety: To reduce the risk of harm to people due to the transportation of hazardous materials by pipelines and other modes.
* Environmental Stewardship: To reduce the risk of harm to the environment due to the transportation of oil and hazardous materials by pipeline and other modes.
* Reliability: To help maintain and improve the reliability of systems that deliver energy products and other hazardous materials.
* Global Connectivity: To harmonize and standardize the requirements for pipeline and hazardous materials transportation internationally, to facilitate efficient and safe transportation through ports of entry and through the supply chain.
* Preparedness and Response: To reduce the consequences (harm to people, environment, and economy) after a pipeline or hazmat failure has occurred.

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