

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration PHMSA

An Overview

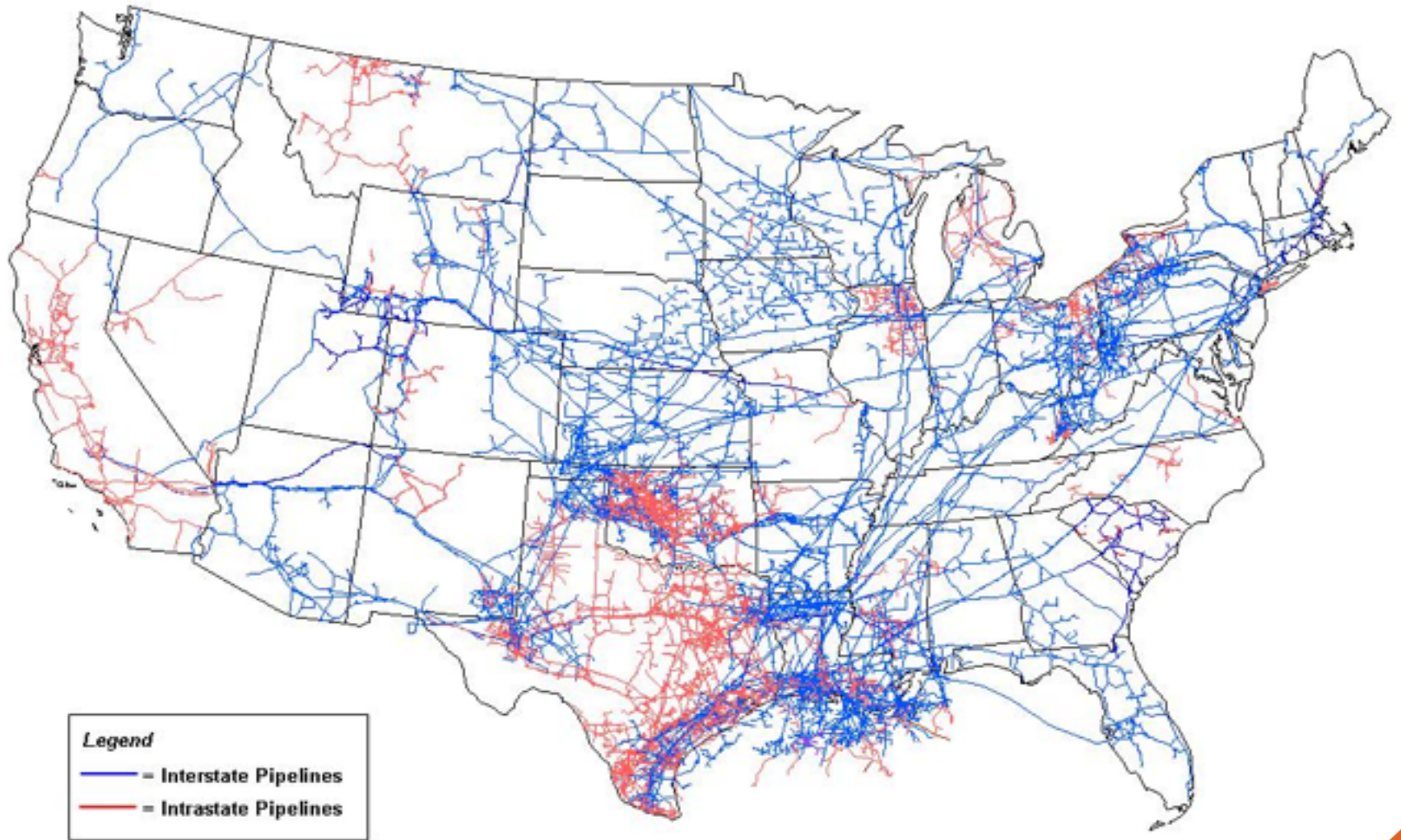


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The **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)** is a United States Department of Transportation (DOT) agency created in 2004, responsible for developing and enforcing regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the US' 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is made up of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) and the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS).

Two of the many oversights that PHMSA has is to manage:

**PIPELINES and
COMPRESSOR
STATIONS**

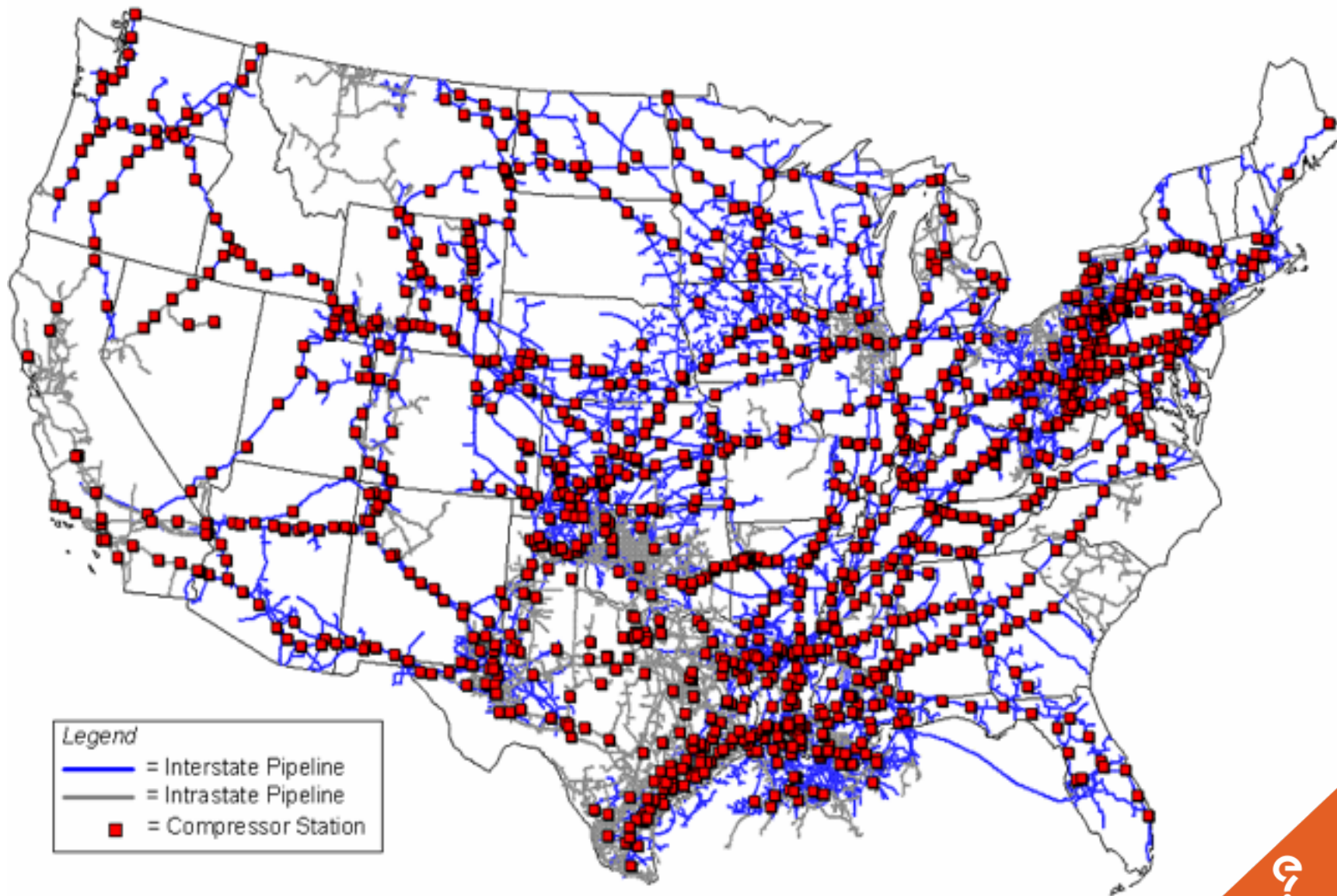


Legend


— Interstate Pipelines

— Intrastate Pipelines

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil & Gas, Natural Gas Division, Gas Transportation Information System



Legend

-  = Interstate Pipeline
-  = Intrastate Pipeline
-  = Compressor Station

The PSHMA has delegated authority to most states for oversight of *Intra-state* pipeline infrastructure and in Maryland that authority has been assigned to Pipeline Safety Division of the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC)

The Public Service Commission of Maryland, under 49 U.S.C. 60105 Certification, assumes safety responsibility with respect to intrastate gas facilities. Under the Public Utility Companies Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, Sections 2-113, 2-117(a), 2-121, 5-101, 11-102, 12-101 through 113, and 13-203, the Public Service Commission has statutory authority to establish and enforce safety standards for intrastate gas facilities.

