

Short Bio

Alan Rathbun served as the Pipeline Safety Director with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) from 2003 to 2007. The UTC's Pipeline Safety program regulates intrastate gas and hazardous liquid pipelines together with serving as interstate agent for Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on all natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines within Washington's borders. During his tenure with the UTC, Alan led the effort to strengthen this regulatory program through education, enforcement and an enhanced partnership with PHMSA. Alan helped lead Washington's effort to raise public awareness and develop a program for cooperation in land use around transmission pipelines. He has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota with experience in both consulting practice and as a municipal engineer. For the past 25 years he has been a regulator with the state; the last 18 years have been in various management positions. He lives in Shelton, Washington.