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Pryor, Boozman, Griffin Press for Answers Regarding Mayflower Oil Spill

WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senators Mark Pryor and John Boozman, along with Congressman Tim Griffin (AR-2) today sent a letter to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) urging them to release information regarding the Mayflower oil spill. After repeatedly dodging the question, ExxonMobil this week claimed that PHMSA is the only one with the authority to release the requested information.

The full text of the letter is below:

Enclosed are our two letters to ExxonMobil requesting information regarding the Pegasus Pipeline failure in Mayflower, Arkansas, and ExxonMobil's recent response. The ExxonMobil letter states:

"While the investigation is on-going, it is PHMSA that defines the timing, type and amount of investigative information to share with appropriate stakeholders and the general public."

We believe that in the interest of full transparency, PHMSA should publish on its website the ExxonMobil 2010 and 2013 in-line inspection reports, the 2006 hydrostatic test report, and the 2013 metallurgical report. If PHMSA cannot take this action, we would like to know the statutory requirement preventing PHMSA from acting in the public interest.

The citizens of Arkansas have a right to know the results of these tests. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.