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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, March 12, with a story on improving gas pipeline safety.

"The Department of Transportation has granted funds to 39 states for gas pipeline safety programs. Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar said the Department has the challenge to upgrade safety in every form of transportation and these allocations provide the means to continue improving safety in pipeline transportation. The grants totalling \$875,000 to be matched on a 50-50 basis by the states, are expected to further the use of more and better trained personnel, and increase inspection of gas facilities and utilization of better equipment."

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