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To Locate pipeline and facilities in your area contact PHMSA National Pipeline Mapping System located on the web at:
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For Questions call 1-800-447-8066.
A Message For You About Pipeline Safety

Today, a network of over 2 million miles of natural gas pipelines exists in the United States. These pipelines quietly, reliably and efficiently deliver natural gas throughout the country for domestic and industrial use. Natural gas pipelines are among the safest methods of transporting energy. Northern Border Pipeline has an underground natural gas pipeline, compressor stations, and other facilities in your area. Because you live or work in the vicinity of our pipeline facilities, we are providing this safety brochure as part of our pipeline public awareness program. Please review this information and share it with others.

About Natural Gas and Transmission Lines

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It moves silently, reliably and efficiently through an extensive network of interstate pipelines in the United States. Our system is part of that network. Pipelines lay underground, virtually unseen, and deliver large volumes of gas to their customers. While our pipeline company follows pipeline safety procedures, it is important for everyone living and working near gas pipelines to know basic safety information.

Facts About Natural Gas

Natural gas is:

- A colorless, odorless, tasteless fossil fuel that is clean burning, lighter than air. It rises and disperses rapidly into the atmosphere, unlike heavier petroleum products like oil. Norovac. Not easily ignited on its own. To burn, gas requires both precise amounts of oxygen and an ignition source.

If there is an emergency like a fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline, immediately evacuate the area and contact us at: 1-800-447-9066

How to recognize a natural gas leak

Leaks from a natural gas pipeline are extremely rare. However, it is important to know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in your area.

Call 1-800-447-9066 immediately if you:

SEE
Vegetation over or near the pipeline, which appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason. Water bubbling at a crevice, pond, river or any wet area over or near the pipeline. Dirt flying into the air over or near the pipeline. Fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline. Exposed pipeline, possibly caused by a natural disaster, such as a flood or earthquake.

SMELL
A “rotten egg” odor. Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless. It may have a precursor smell at times before odorant, in that case, it will have a slight “rotten egg” smell.

HEAR
A hissing, whistling or roaring sound along or near the pipeline. If you suspect a natural gas leak inside your home or in your service line, immediately evacuate the area and contact your local gas company or call 911.

DO
- Leave the area immediately and warn others to stay away.
- Do not move any equipment or vehicles in the area.
- Do not turn on or off any equipment ignition or attempt to move the equipment. If the equipment is running, do not attempt to turn it off.
- Do not use any flammable or electrically operated or powered tools.
- Do not turn on any gas/electricity immediately after the leak has been detected.

Safety is our top priority

A pipeline right-of-way is the area of land containing the pipeline.

A right-of-way agreement between our company and a property owner is called an easement. Easements provide us with permanent, limited access to the land to enable us to operate, test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipelines. Our right-of-way varies in the distance from each side of the center of the pipeline.

Planning and Zoning

The locations of pipelines should be considered in land use plans and zoning. Pipeline operators create these maps in consultation with local governments and others. These plans regulate the potential for conflicts between the pipeline and other infrastructure or development.

Damage prevention

Because natural gas pipelines and underground line markers are used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the pipeline route can take turns and turns between markers. Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line.

Excavation work, digging or grading are the most frequent causes of pipeline damage and failures. Whether you are planning to build a major development, erect a fence or landscape your property, you should protect your safety and the safety of those around your work site by contacting your pipeline's one call center at least three days before you begin any work on or near the pipeline. There is no charge for this service. Excavcation work is required regardless of the depth of the pipeline. It is a federal crime for any person to deliberately damage, destroy or remove any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker. It is also against the law to damage or destroy pipeline facilities. A false or incomplete report of a pipeline leak or fire may cause a safety problem. It is important to know where the pipeline is located. If you unknowingly cause a pipeline leak or fire, it may be costly to repair. If you think you have a pipeline leak or fire, call 1-800-447-9066 immediately.

Please call local law enforcement if you see anything out of the ordinary in your area.

Pipeline must meet all applicable regulations. We often exceed these requirements. We take these steps to ensure the safety of community members and our employees:

- The pipeline is built to high industry standards and is inspected thoroughly before being placed in service.
- Markers listing our pipeline's 24-hour telephone number are posted at fence rows, as well as roads, waterways, railroads and property line crossings.

- Aerial, foot and vehicle patrols survey the route regularly to identify areas such as wildlife or washouts that need attention. These patrols also identify any construction activity near the pipeline.

- Pipelines are part of the critical infrastructure of the U.S. energy grid, immediately assessing the attacks on September 11, 2001, pipelines across America instituted heightened security measures. While pipeline companies and employees across the nation are on a heightened state of alert, we continue to monitor and patrol the pipelines regularly via aircraft, vehicles, and on foot.

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