



Xcel Energy is a combination electricity and natural gas energy company, and we offer a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to more than 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers. We have regulated operations in 8 Western and Midwestern states and own more than 34,500 miles of natural gas pipelines, delivering natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers. In Colorado, Xcel Energy operates, distributes and/or transports natural gas in 31 counties, with 20,815 miles of natural gas distribution pipeline and 2,306 miles of transmission pipeline.



Xcel Energy is committed to the public's safety, health and the environment through protection, operation, maintenance and routine inspection of our natural gas facilities and pipelines and in compliance with all applicable rules and federal regulations. Key personnel within areas of Xcel Energy's natural gas operations are trained to assure a safe response to gas operations and emergencies. We also conduct periodic leak inspections and patrol for activities near pipelines that could impact safety.

Xcel Energy's public education program seeks to prevent third-party damage to its pipelines as well as enhance the public's awareness of steps to take in the event of any pipeline emergency. Xcel Energy also is a member of "call-before-you-dig" programs and one-call systems designed to help the public, excavators and others identify the approximate location of pipelines.

Since the leading cause of pipeline accidents is third-party damage caused by digging/excavation activities, Xcel Energy steadfastly supports industry and will continue to provide and enforce activities and legislation designed to prevent damage to its pipelines and to protect the public.

Local employees of Xcel Energy's natural gas operations work in partnership with local emergency officials to ensure the public's safety. From a minor gas leak to a fire or explosion, this partnership and strengthened communication between emergency responders and Xcel Energy reduces the risk to the public, the emergency officials and our employees when an emergency natural gas situation develops.

XCEL ENERGY PIPELINE MARKERS

Pipeline markers similar to the one shown below are used to:

- Mark the presence of a nearby pipeline;
- Identify the product transported within a pipeline;
- Provide the operator's emergency contact number;
- Provide the area's "one call" locate center number (or 811), which must be contacted prior to digging.

Markers never provide a pipeline's exact location, but rather serve to warn that a pipeline is nearby. It is imperative that anyone digging must contact the Utility Notification Center of Colorado (UNCC) at 8-1-1 (or **1-800-922-1987**) prior to any excavation; UNCC will arrange for Xcel Energy to mark its lines. The digger must wait the required time before digging (three days), observe all marks and then dig with extreme care.

Pipeline markers are typically found along high-pressure gas pipeline rights-of-way (typically along roadways and fields). However, distribution pipelines seldom display pipeline markers.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

1-800-308-3978

(Non-Public Emergency Number)

1-800-698-7811

(Gas Transmission)

PRODUCTS/ DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/ GUIDE#:

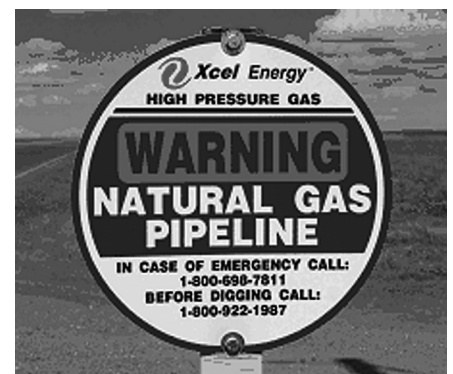
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COLORADO

COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Adams	Gunnison
Alamosa	La Plata
Arapahoe	Lake
Archuleta	Larimer
Boulder	Mesa
Chaffee	Mineral
Clear Creek	Rio Blanco
Conejos	Rio Grande
Eagle	Saguache
Garfield	Summit
Gilpin	Weld
Grand	

Changes may occur. Contact the operator to discuss their pipeline systems and areas of operation.



For more information about Xcel Energy or to request a copy of our Emergency Response Plan, please contact benjamin.w.janssen@xcelenergy.com.