

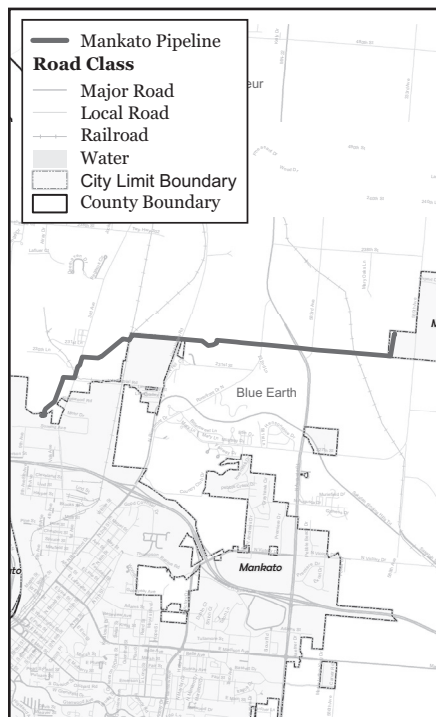
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Southern Company Pipelines operates a 4-mile natural gas transmission pipeline in Blue Earth County. This 20-inch steel pipeline runs east to west from the tie-in with Northern Natural Gas (just west of the Mankato Regional Airport) to provide fuel to the Mankato Energy Center.

As a pipeline operator, Southern Company Pipelines adheres to federal, state, and local pipeline safety regulations by performing extensive quality control checks, educating others on natural gas pipeline leak recognition and damage prevention, and working closely with emergency and public officials to develop emergency response plans.

While these measures all contribute to pipeline safety, and incidents are uncommon, the biggest threat to the safety of our pipeline remains with excavation activity. It is important that you and your excavators are well informed about excavation safety, because even the smallest pipeline damage can have severe consequences. Please do your part to ensure pipeline safety by always calling **811** before you dig!



ONE CALL REQUIREMENTS

PREPARE by using white marking to define the entire area where excavation is expected to occur.

CALL Before You Dig by dialing 811 or visiting www.gopherstateonecall.org at least 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, before beginning excavation.

WAIT the required time, at least 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

CHECK your ticket status before beginning excavation by using the Gopher State One Call Positive Response System, visiting <http://www.gsosearch.org/>.

RESPECT the marks by reasonably preserving locate markings and requesting remarking when marks are no longer visible.

EXCAVATE safely and carefully.

For more information regarding One Call requirements, call **811** or visit www.gopherstateonecall.org.

PIPELINE DAMAGE

If our pipeline is ever hit during excavation, even if the damage appears minor, such as a small scrape, nick or dent, it is imperative that Southern Company Pipelines be notified as soon as possible. Seemingly insignificant damage to a pipeline's protective coating can lead to severe consequences later.



**Know what's below.
 Call before you dig.**

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EMERGENCY:
 (844) 357-4656**

PRODUCTS/DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/GUIDE#:		
Natural Gas	1971	115

**MINNESOTA
 COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Blue Earth (NG active)

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

LEAK RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE

If this natural gas pipeline is ever damaged, or if you:

- **LOOK & SEE** blowing dirt, oddly discolored vegetation or continued bubbling in standing water; or
- **LISTEN & HEAR** a hissing or roaring sound of high pressure natural gas escaping;

Do the following:

- **LEAVE** the area immediately by walking away from the damage or potential leak. Do not attempt to repair any damage yourself. Natural gas is non-toxic, lighter than air, and displaces oxygen. In severe cases, if not properly controlled, natural gas can lead to asphyxiation.
- **AVOID** using any sources of ignition, such as cigarettes, lighters and matches, motorized vehicles or even electronic devices like your cell phone, until you are a safe distance away. A single spark can ignite natural gas and create a fire or an explosion.
- **CALL 911** and our pipeline emergency number **844-357-4656** once you are a safe distance away from the area. Stay away until Southern Company Pipelines or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.