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## ABOUT FREMONT DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

The City of Fremont, Department of Utilities provides gas, electric, water, and wastewater services to the city of Fremont, Nebraska, and surrounding areas.

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK?

- Blowing or hissing sound
- Dust blowing from a hole in the ground
- Continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas
- Gaseous or hydrocarbon odor
- Dead or discolored vegetation in a green area
- Flames, if a leak has ignited

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT A PIPELINE LEAK?

Your personal safety should be your first concern:

- Evacuate the area and prevent anyone from entering
- Abandon any equipment being used near the area
- Avoid any open flames
- Avoid introducing any sources of ignition to the area (such as cell phones, pagers, 2-way radios)
- Do not start/turn off motor vehicles/electrical equipment
- Call 911 or contact local fire or law enforcement
- Notify the pipeline company
- Do not attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves

## PIPELINE SAFETY

System failures occur infrequently along the nation's network of interstate natural gas pipeline facilities, and many of these are caused by damage from others digging near the pipeline. We watch for unauthorized digging, but we request your help to notify us.

**ALWAYS CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!**

## PIPELINE LOCATION AND MARKERS

Pipeline markers are used to indicate the approximate location of a natural gas pipeline and to provide contact information. Markers should never be removed or relocated by anyone other than a pipeline operator.

You can also find out where other companies' pipelines are in your area by going to the National Pipeline Mapping System website at [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov).

## WHAT DOES CITY OF FREMONT DO IF A LEAK OCCURS?

To prepare for the event of a leak, pipeline companies regularly communicate, plan and train with local emergency responders. Upon the notification of an incident or leak the pipeline company will immediately dispatch trained personnel to assist emergency responders.

Pipeline operators and emergency responders are trained to protect life, property and facilities in the case of an emergency.

Pipeline operators will also take steps to minimize the amount of product that leaks out and to isolate the pipeline emergency.

## MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES

Fremont Department of Utilities invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of their pipeline systems.

## PRODUCT TRANSPORTED

PRODUCT	LEAK TYPE	VAPORS
NATURAL GAS	Gas	Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipate. May gather in a confined space and travel to a source of ignition.
HEALTH HAZARDS	Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at high concentrations. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.	

## EMERGENCY CONTACT:

**1-402-727-2600**

## PRODUCTS/DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/GUIDE#:

Natural Gas 1971 115

## NEBRASKA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Dodge Saunders

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

Most active pipelines are monitored 24 hours a day via manned control centers. Fremont Department of Utilities also utilizes on-ground observers to identify potential dangers. Control center personnel continually monitor the pipeline system and assess changes in pressure and flow. They notify field personnel if there is a possibility of a leak.

Gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline operators have developed supplemental hazard and assessment programs known as Integrity Management Programs (IMPs). Specific information about Fremont Department of Utilities' program may be found by contacting us directly.

## HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For an overview of Fremont Department of Utilities' IMP, contact us directly.