



**PIPELINE PURPOSE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY**

Safety is more than manuals and rules. At Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage (EGTS), safety is a way of doing business. EGTS is committed to safe operations, safe facilities and safety-minded employees.

**PURPOSE**

EGTS operates assets in your area that could include natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, storage wells and other facilities. These facilities are used to deliver natural gas to local gas distribution companies and large consumers. Pipelines have proven to be one of the safest methods of transporting energy. However, they can be damaged by earth disturbance activities such as excavation, drilling, blasting, land movement and vandalism. Interference with pressurized pipelines and connected equipment by untrained persons can be very dangerous. While it is highly unlikely that these facilities will experience problems, we are providing this safety information so you will know what to do if problems occur.

**SAFETY & RELIABILITY**

The two major hazards for pipelines are third-party damage and corrosion. The EGTS system uses pipelines made of only high strength materials that meet or exceed the standards of the natural gas industry and federal regulations. Pipelines that run through populated areas use pipes with a greater wall thickness to provide an even higher level of protection.

To protect pipe, it is coated with special materials that help block corrosion. The welds that join pieces of pipe into a single long line are wrapped with a special protective material before the pipeline is placed in the ground. All EGTS pipelines are tested and inspected regularly to identify potential problems. Our operational emphasis on safety also involves regular aerial patrols and routine ground patrols for a more detailed line examination.

EGTS maintains an Integrity Management Program that embraces the U.S. Department of Transportation's goal of improving safety and raising public confidence in the natural gas industry.

To access additional information about EGTS's Integrity Management Program, please visit <https://www.bhegts.com/safety-and-environment/operational-safety/PIM> or call 681-842-3200.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION & RESPONSE**

**REPORTING & COMMUNICATION**

In any emergency, accurate communication and quick cooperation between EGTS and fire or police units will be essential. When EGTS initially communicates with any emergency response units, we will indicate the facilities involved, the design and operating parameters, the nature of the product involved and the details of our response to the situation. Normally we will dispatch personnel to the area immediately. We also will establish and maintain mobile communications with the site until the emergency has been resolved.

Usually any emergency or potential emergency will be detected and reported immediately through EGTS's ongoing monitoring of its facilities. However, there may be situations when emergency units may report emergencies where our facilities are directly or indirectly involved.

If you are reporting such an emergency to EGTS, please provide all the data you can. Information about the facility, the nature of the product, the location, and the observed condition of our facilities is needed. Your information will be used to determine our initial response to the situation.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

**1-888-264-8240**

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

Natural Gas	1971	115
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**NEW YORK COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Albany	Oneida
Allegany	Onondaga
Cattaraugus	Ontario
Cayuga	Oswego
Chemung	Rensselaer
Cortland	Schenectady
Erie	Schuyler
Genesee	Seneca
Herkimer	Steuben
Livingston	Tompkins
Madison	Wyoming
Montgomery	

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

**EASTERN GAS TRANSMISSION & STORAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

When EGTS gets a report of an emergency involving our facilities, we:

- Identify the type of facility and the exact location. We also gather information on injuries, if any.
- Act immediately to notify emergency response agencies and organizations in the area if necessary.
- Isolate the affected facility and take all possible steps to stop gas flow at the point of the leak.
- Designate a single company person as contact for all outside agencies and organizations.

When our personnel arrive at the scene of the problem, we ask responding emergency units to:

- Establish perimeter control around the affected area.
- Communicate and work with our designated company spokesman in responding to the situation.

**GUIDELINES FOR RESPONDING EMERGENCY UNITS**

Escaping natural gasoline presents both fire and no-fire emergency situations.

When there is a fire:

- Do not attempt to extinguish the fire unless life is in danger.
- Protect the area surrounding the fire.

When no fire is involved:

- Remove any open flame or other possible sources of ignition from the area and prohibit smoking.
- Position equipment at a safe distance and have all personnel in protective clothing.

- Control any secondary fires.
- Assist with personal injuries and coordinate evacuation, if necessary.
- Assist EGTS personnel with access to valve locations as needed.
- If appropriate, help with news media.
- Please remember that shutting off the product flow is the responsibility of Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage. Non-company personnel should never attempt to use valves and controls.

For detailed information, visit the National Pipeline Mapping System at [www.nmps.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.nmps.phmsa.dot.gov) or contact the appropriate EGTS representatives listed below.

**EMERGENCY RESPONDER ONLINE TRAINING PORTAL**



<https://bhegts.e-smartresponders.com/>

**Five Examples of Eastern Gas Transmission Pipeline/HCA markers**



1. Vent Pipe

2. Linemarker and cathodic protection test station

3. High-consequence area entrance or exit marker (arrow on top)

4. HCA line-of-sight marker

5. HCA marker and cathodic protection test station

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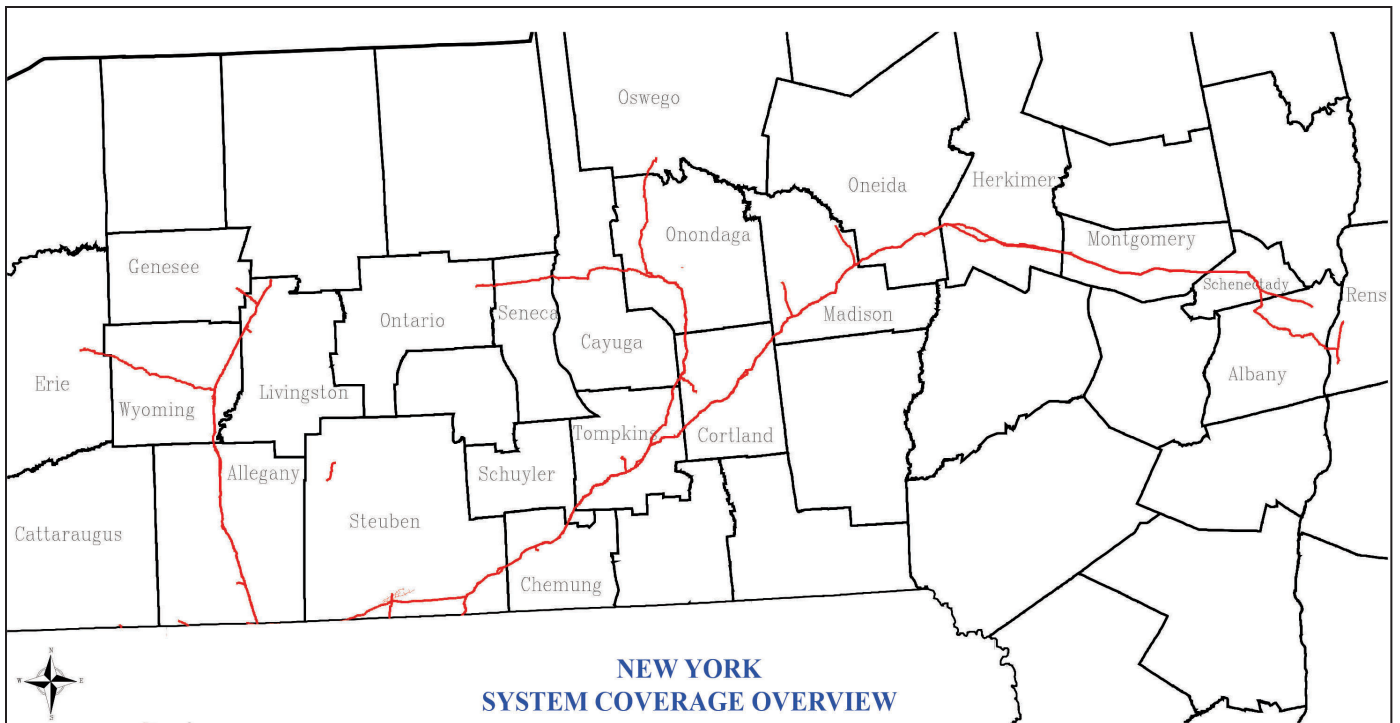
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Please contact the representatives listed for additional information, including that related to site-specific emergency response plans.

EGTS will close valves, isolate product, supply available tools, allow fire departments to extinguish fires if necessary and assist police department with traffic control if required.

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The following page shows a state overview map of EGTS lines. For detailed information, visit the National Pipeline Mapping System at [www.nmps.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.nmps.phmsa.dot.gov) or contact the appropriate EGTS representative listed.



**NEW YORK  
SYSTEM COVERAGE OVERVIEW**



Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage facilities shown in red

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