Suburban Natural Gas Company
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TO EMERGENCY OFFICIALS:

Suburban Natural Gas Company and Emergency Officials Team Up for Natural Gas Safety

According to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, over 3.6 million residential, commercial and industrial customers throughout our state depend on natural gas to meet their energy needs. Natural gas companies work hard to keep these customers safe by installing highly visible pipeline markers and conduct frequent inspections with sophisticated leak detection equipment.

Other key components of this safety commitment include a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan and meetings with local emergency officials. "When responding to a pipeline emergency, we all must work together to keep residents safe. Emergency officials are usually first on the scene, and we count on them to take charge and establish a safety zone until our representatives arrive," explains Sam Reda, Manager of Safety Compliance. SUBURBAN is also participating in a comprehensive natural gas safety awareness campaign sponsored by the Ohio Gas Association (for more information about the campaign, visit **www.safegasohio.org**).

In the meantime, here are some simple tips for emergency officials to remember if dispatched to a pipeline incident (the following dos and don'ts are general guidelines; they are not meant to replace an existing emergency response plan):

DO…

- From a safe distance away, call the natural gas company listed on the nearest pipeline marker with the location and the type of emergency. If no company is listed, call 9-1-1.
- Protect the public by evacuating and securing the area and providing traffic control and emergency services if necessary.
- Allow natural gas company representative to operate valves.
- Use only intrinsically safe equipment.

DO NOT…

- Attempt to operate any pipeline system equipment.
- Turn vehicles or equipment on or off or use any device that might create a spark, like a cell phone, without leaving the area first.

For more information about natural gas emergency response and training, call SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY at 419-655-2345 in Cygnet, Ohio or 740-548-2450 in Lewis Center, Ohio; or visit our website at **www.sngco.com**. Also be sure to visit **www.safegasohio.org**, where you can complete a short survey just for emergency officials, click on "Safety" and learn how Emergency Officials can get involved and spread the word about natural gas safety.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:
1-740-548-2450 (in Lewis Center)
1-419-655-2345 (in Cygnet)

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Natural Gas	1971	115

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COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

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