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## LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS

Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Part 192.615 (c) and 192.616 requires operators of natural gas pipelines to maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials to:

- 1) Learn the responsibility and resources of each government organization that may respond to a gas pipeline emergency;
- 2) Acquaint the officials with the operator's ability in responding to a gas pipeline emergency;
- 3) Identify the types of gas pipeline emergencies of which the operator notifies the officials; and
- 4) Plan how the operator and officials can engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life or property.

EQT attends the Paradigm Liaison Services meetings within their operating area and has developed this pamphlet in order to comply with the Code of Federal Regulations Part 192.615 (c) and 192.616.

## WHAT CONSTITUTES A GAS PIPELINE EMERGENCY?

A gas pipeline emergency may be, but is not limited to one or more of the following situations:

- 1) Gas detected inside or near a building.
- 2) Fire located near or directly involving a pipeline facility.
- 3) Explosion occurring near or directly involving a pipeline facility.
- 4) Natural disaster such as flood, tornado, mine subsidence, etc.

These are the type of emergencies of which police, fire, and emergency services may be notified.

## RESOURCES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

The various organizations that have been invited to attend the Paradigm Liaison Services meetings within the EQT operating area have been asked to complete an Emergency Response Report form that includes Public Agency Information, Emergency Information and Emergency Response Capabilities. The information provides EQT with an understanding of the resources the various agencies have to assist in the event of a gas pipeline emergency.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

EQT may request assistance from emergency agencies in the event of a gas pipeline emergency. Following are some guidelines concerning what may be requested from the agencies:

### Police

- Establish a restricted zone around the emergency site.
- Evacuate buildings within the restricted zone.
- Prevent unauthorized personnel from entering the restricted zone.
- Preserve the area for accident investigation.

### Fire

- Establish a restricted zone around the emergency site.
- Evacuate buildings within the restricted zone.
- Eliminate potential ignition sources.
- Search and rescue operations.
- Contain and control secondary fires.

### Emergency Services

- Provide medical assistance.
- Provide ambulance service.
- Provide air evacuation service.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT:

1-855-740-1092

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### PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Allegheny	Clearfield
Armstrong	Elk
Beaver	Greene
Butler	Indiana
Cambria	Jefferson
Cameron	Washington
Clarion	Westmoreland

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

### What not to do:

- Do not operate any mainline valves.
- If gas is not burning, do not take any action that may ignite it. If gas is burning, do not attempt to put out the pipeline fire, unless requested to do so by EQT company personnel.

## EQT: EMERGENCY PLAN ACTIONS ABILITY TO RESPOND TO A GAS PIPELINE EMERGENCY

In the event of a gas pipeline emergency, EQT personnel have been trained to and may perform several or all of the following actions depending on the severity of the emergency:

- Locate the site of the emergency.
- Take actions toward protecting the public first and then property, these actions may include:
  - i. Reducing or stopping the flow of gas.
  - ii. Establishing a restricted zone around the emergency site.
  - iii. Eliminating potential ignition sources.
  - iv. Evacuation of buildings within the restricted zone.

- Notify police, fire department, and/ or other appropriate officials.
- Provide a gas company representative to work with appropriate officials during the emergency.
- Establish a staging area to coordinate and develop a plan of action with emergency officials.
- Provide facility maps and hazardous location areas to the appropriate officials.
- Repair the affected facilities.
- Restore gas supply to the affected area and gas service to customers.
- Investigate the cause of the incident.

**MUTUAL ASSISTANCE**

The Paradigm Liaison Services meetings afford EQT the opportunity to discuss with the appropriate officials what steps must be taken to engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life or property in the event of an emergency, and the presentation includes mock gas

emergency scenarios. A question and answer session concludes the programs and guests are invited to visit the companies display table for additional discussion and information.

**NATIONAL PIPELINE MAPPING SYSTEM**

The United States Department of Transportation has a list of pipeline operators searchable by state, county and zip code. To obtain this list, visit [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov)

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