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Columbia Gas Transmission system transports an average of three billion cubic feet of natural gas per day through a 12,000-mile pipeline network and 103 compressor stations serving hundreds of communities in 10 states. Our customers include local gas distribution companies, energy marketers, electric power generating facilities and hundreds of industrial and commercial end users.

Effective July 1, 2016, TC Energy Corporation acquired Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. With more than 65 years' experience, TC Energy is a leader in the responsible development and reliable operation of North American energy

infrastructure including natural gas and liquids pipelines, power generation and gas storage facilities. TC Energy operates a network of natural gas pipelines that extends more than 56,100 miles, tapping into virtually all major gas supply basins in North America. TC Energy is the continent's leading provider of gas storage and related services with 664 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. TC Energy is also the developer and operator of one of North America's leading liquids pipeline systems that extends over 2,700 miles, connecting growing continental oil supplies to key markets and refineries.

For more information about TC Energy visit [www.tcenergy.com](http://www.tcenergy.com)

**SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY**

Our gas control and monitoring center offices operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Team members working in the center continuously gather and monitor data from pipelines and related facilities across our operating system. Regular aerial patrol of our core pipeline right-of-way and routine internal inspections of our pipeline systems allow our employees to identify changes or conditions that could pose potential problems. Our operations employees receive regular training and are qualified under the U.S. Department of Transportation standards for natural gas pipeline operators. TC Energy invests millions of dollars each year to maintain and improve the integrity of our operating systems. Our employees are on call at all times ready to respond to any contingency.

We work with emergency responders to make them aware of our pipelines and

how to respond in case of an emergency. And while natural gas pipeline has a proven record of safety, pipeline failures can sometimes occur. Hazards associated with a pipeline failure and gas release may include blowing gas, line rupture, fire, explosion or, if gas is present in a confined area, possible asphyxiation. Damage by outside forces, often by someone digging into a pipeline, is the largest single cause of failures. In accordance with the federal regulations, some segments along the pipeline have been designated as High Consequence Areas. A high consequence area is a location that is specifically designed in pipeline safety regulation as an area where pipeline release could have greater consequence to health and safety of the environment. In these areas, we have developed supplemental assessment and prevention plans in compliance with the federal regulations.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

**1-800-835-7191**

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

Natural Gas	1971	115
Liquid Natural Gas	1972	115

**PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Adams	Fulton
Allegheny	Greene
Armstrong	Indiana
Beaver	Jefferson
Berks	Lancaster
Butler	Lawrence
Centre	Lehigh
Chester	McKean
Clarion	Monroe
Clearfield	Montgomery
Clinton	New Castle
Cumberland	Northumberland
Delaware	Pike
Elk	Somerset
Fayette	Washington
Franklin	Westmoreland

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



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

**KEEPING WHAT'S ABOVE SAFE BY KNOWING WHAT'S BELOW**

Whether you are planning to build a major development, or simply landscaping a property, do it safely by first calling your state's one-call notification service. To reach your local one-call center, regardless of where you are, dial "811" **or crossing with heavy equipment.** Not only does the law require people performing excavation to call first, but anyone planning to cross pipeline right-of-way with heavy equipment or performing blasting in the vicinity of pipelines, must call 811.

**What if you dig and disturb a pipeline?** Whether or not you've notified us in advance, if you dig and expose, hit or touch a pipeline or associated facility, call 811 immediately. If gas is leaking, evacuate the area, call 911 or your local fire department. Even if it looks minor, a gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to the pipe or coating may cause a future safety problem. It is essential that we inspect any potential damage, whether apparent or not.

**HOW TO RECOGNIZE A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK**

While leaks on interstate natural gas pipelines are rare, it is important to know how to recognize the signs if a leak should occur in your area. Watch for one or more of the following.

**Look for:**

- Dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown into the air.
- Water bubbling or being thrown into the air at a pond, creek, river or other wet areas.
- Fire coming from the ground or appearing to be burning above the ground.
- Dead or dying vegetation on or near a pipeline right-of-way in an otherwise green area.
- A dry or frozen spot on the right-of-way.

**Listen for:**

- A roaring, blowing or hissing sound

**Smell for:**

- A gas or petroleum odor (in some pipelines gas may not be odorized).

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS PIPELINE LEAK**

- Turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you may be operating.
- Leave the area quickly.
- Warn others to stay away.
- From a safe place, call 911 and our 24-hour toll-free telephone number.

**WHAT NOT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS PIPELINE LEAK**

- Do not use open flames or bring anything into the area that may spark ignition, such as cell phones, flashlights, motor vehicles, electric or cordless tools.
- Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves.

**MARKERS SHOW GENERAL LOCATION OF PIPELINE FACILITIES**

Pipelines are identified by highly visible markers placed at intervals along pipeline right-of-way. Markers display our 24-hour emergency telephone number and may contain other identifying information. They are generally placed wherever needed to indicate the presence of a pipeline.

Pipeline markers are important to public safety. It is a federal crime for any person to willfully deface, damage, remove or destroy any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker required by federal law. While the markers are very helpful to indicate the presence of pipelines in the area, they don't show the exact location, the depth, or necessarily how many pipelines are in the right-of-way. Don't rely solely on the presence or absence of a pipeline marker. Always call 811 to have underground facilities marked.



**SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

At TC Energy, we view emergency responders as part of our safety team. It is important for public safety officials to be familiar with our pipeline facilities in their area. That's why we participate in joint forums with other pipeline companies, regularly send out literature and regularly work with emergency responders to be prepared for any contingency. If as a public official you are not familiar with our operations, please call us to learn more.

**SUGGESTED EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACTIONS**

As a public safety official, you must take whatever steps you deem necessary to safeguard the public in the event of a pipeline emergency. We offer the following suggestions as a guide.

- Notify us or the appropriate pipeline company; report the type (leak, rupture, fire, other) and location of the emergency
- Establish a safety zone around the emergency site and control access. This may include the evacuation of people within the safety zone. Allow gas company employees access to the safety zone and work with them to control the emergency
- If gas is not burning, avoid doing anything that may ignite it
- Be aware of wind direction and potential ignition sources
- Check for gas migration inside adjacent buildings, sewers and drains
- If gas is burning, control secondary fires, but do not attempt to put out a pipeline fire unless asked to do so by gas company personnel
- Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves
- Preserve the area for incident investigation

**KEEPING OUR FACILITIES SECURE**

We ask for everyone's help in keeping our facilities safe and secure. Besides watching for signs of a gas leak or unauthorized digging along the pipeline right-of-way, please be alert for any unusual or suspicious activity and report it to your local law enforcement agency, or to any of the TC Energy companies. TC Energy employees always carry and will gladly show photo identification.

**PIPELINE MAPPING SYSTEM**

The National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) is a geographic information system (GIS) created by PHMSA to provide information about pipelines and operators in your area. To obtain a printable version of a map showing the natural gas transmission pipeline operators in your area visit [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/).