



ABOUT BRANCH ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

Branch Energy Partners is headquartered in the Woodlands, Texas. They provide infrastructure that helps gather gas from the wellhead and moves it to the marketplace. The company offers customers natural gas gathering, processing and marketing services.



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. IT'S FREE, AND IT'S THE LAW!

Building a fence? Planning landscape work? Installing a sprinkler system? Anytime you have projects that require digging deeper than a few inches you should find out where any buried utility lines are. One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for FREE. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines, and can dig safely. More information regarding 811 can be found at www.call811.com.

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHERE A PIPELINE IS?

Most pipelines are underground where they are more protected from the elements and minimize interference with surface uses. Even so, pipeline rights-of-way are clearly identified by pipeline markers along pipeline routes that identify the approximate -NOT EXACT -location of the pipeline. Every pipeline marker contains information identifying the company that operates the pipeline, the product transported, and a phone number that should be called in the event of an emergency. Markers do not indicate pipeline burial depth, which will vary. Markers are typically seen where a pipeline intersects a street, highway

or railway. For any person to willfully deface, damage, remove, or destroy any pipeline marker is a federal crime.

RECOGNIZING A PIPE LEAK

- **Sight:** Liquid pools, continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas, an oily sheen on water surfaces, and vaporous fogs or blowing dirt around a pipeline area, dead or discolored plants in an otherwise healthy area of vegetation or frozen ground in warm weather are all signs of a pipeline leak. Natural gas is colorless, but vapor and "ground frosting" may be visible at high pressures. A natural gas leak may also be indicated dust blowing from a hole in the ground or flames if the leak is ignited.
- **Sound:** Volume can range from a quiet hissing to aloud roar depending on the size of the leak and pipeline system.
- **Smell:** An unusual smell, petroleum odor, or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipelines leaks. Natural Gas and Highly Volatile Liquids are colorless, tasteless and odorless unless commercial odorants or Mercaptan is added. Gas transmission/gas gathering pipeline are odorless buy may contain a hydrocarbon smell.

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A LEAK?

- **Do** leave the area
- **Do Not** introduce any open flame or other potential source of ignition such as an electrical switch, vehicle ignition, light a match, etc. Do not start motor vehicles or electrical equipment. Do not ring doorbells to notify others of the leak. Knock with your hand to prevent potential sparks from knockers.
- **Do Not** come into direct contact with any escaping liquids or gas.
- **Do Not** drive into a leak or vapor cloud while leaving the area.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:
 1-903-892-2625**

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**TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

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

- **Do Not** attempt to operate any pipeline valves yourself. You may inadvertently route more product to the leak or cause a secondary incident.
- **Do Not** attempt to extinguish a petroleum product or natural gas fire. Wait for local firemen and other professionals trained to deal with such emergencies.

PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED

Product: Natural Gas

Leak Type: Gas

Vapors: Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipates. 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 RESPONSE PLANS

For information about Branch Energy's Emergency Response Plans contact us directly at 903-892-2625.

