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## COMPANY PROFILE

Equinor is an international energy company with operations in more than 30 countries. Building on more than 40 years of experience from oil and gas production on the Norwegian continental shelf, we are committed to accommodating the world's energy needs in a responsible manner, applying technology and creating innovative business solutions. We are headquartered in Stavanger, Norway with approximately 23,000 employees worldwide, and are listed on the New York and Oslo stock exchanges.

Equinor operates pipelines within Karnes, DeWitt, Bee, Live Oak, LaSalle and McMullen counties in Texas. These pipelines are an integrated component of Equinor's onshore operations in the Eagle Ford shale.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. IT'S THE LAW!

Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing and/or buried utility lines, always contact your state One-Call Center before engaging in any excavation, construction, farming or digging. Most states require 48 hours notice to the One-Call Center to allow the utility operators to mark their pipe-



lines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts or drills within a pipeline right-of-way. By contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Sometimes pipeline companies will require a representative present to monitor the safe excavation.

One easy FREE phone call to 811 or visit [www.texas811.org](http://www.texas811.org) starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state One-Call Center. 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](http://www.call811.com).

## HOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHERE THE 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. It also contains Equinor information, type of product transported, and the emergency contact number. Markers do not indicate pipeline burial depth, which will vary.

## WHAT DOES EQUINOR DO IF A LEAK OCCURS?

To prepare for the event of a leak, Equinor personnel communicate, plan and train with local emergency responders. Upon the notification of an incident or leak, Equinor will immediately dispatch trained personnel to assist emergency responders.

Equinor personnel and emergency responders are trained to protect people, the environment and property in the event of an emergency. Equinor will take steps to minimize the amount of gas that leaks and any impacts to the surrounding community.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT:

1-855-750-8024

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

Condensate	3295	128
Crude Oil	1267	128
Natural Gas	1971	115
Produced Water	-	-
Sour Gas	1971	115

### TEXAS

### COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Bee	LaSalle
Dewitt	Live Oak
Karnes	McMullen

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

## HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK?

- Sight: A low-lying, dense white cloud or fog originating near the pipeline location; a pool of liquid on the ground near a pipeline; dead or discolored vegetation amid healthy plants; water bubbling or being blown into the air; frozen ground near the pipeline; fire or explosion near the pipeline.
- Sound: An unusual hissing or roaring sound coming from the vicinity of the pipeline or a connecting facility.
- Smell: Any strange or unusual odor in the area of the pipeline.

## WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT A LEAK WERE TO OCCUR:

- Turn off all equipment and eliminate any ignition sources without risking injury.
- Leave the area by foot immediately. Try to direct any other bystanders to leave the area. Attempt to stay upwind.
- From a safe location, notify Equinor immediately and call 911 or your local emergency response number. Equinor and the 911 operator will need your name, your phone number, a brief description of the incident, and the

location so the proper response can be initiated.

## WHAT NOT TO DO IN THE EVENT A LEAK WERE TO OCCUR:

Your personal safety should be your first concern.

- DO NOT cause 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 avoid potential sparks from electric doorbells.
- DO NOT come into direct contact with any escaping liquids or vapors.
- DO NOT drive into a leak or vapor cloud while leaving the area.
- 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 fire. Wait for local firemen and other professionals trained to deal with such emergencies.

## MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES

Equinor invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of their pipeline systems. Equinor also utilizes groundsurveillance patrolling to identify potential dangers. Field personnel are immediately notified if there is a possibility of a leak. System valves can be utilized to isolate a leak.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF DAMAGING/DISTURBING A PIPELINE

State laws require you to call 811 prior to all excavation activities, including hand digging. The law also requires excavators maintain a minimum clearance, or tolerance zone, on either side of the pipeline, between the point of excavation and a marked pipeline. Check with your state one-call for tolerance zone requirements in your state.

If you cause or witness even minor damage to a pipeline or its protective coating, please immediately notify Equinor at 1-855-750-8024. Even a small disturbance to a pipeline may cause a future leak. A gouge, scrape, dent or crease is cause enough for the company to inspect the damage and make repairs.

## PLANNING, ZONING AND PROPERTY

## DEVELOPMENT

It is crucial to coordinate with Equinor to take the location of the pipeline into consideration in land use plans, zoning, and property development activities. Property developments can make use of pipeline easements as open spaces and greenway connectors. Pipeline depth is a crucial consideration during development planning to ensure costs for lowering or relocation are identified. Changes to the topography on either side of the pipeline may impose unacceptable stresses on the pipeline. Equinor would like to help in the coordination during the development of site plans where large numbers of people congregate, e.g. schools, churches, and shopping centers.

## WHAT IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CAN I BUILD OR DIG ON IT?

Equinor works diligently to establish written agreements, or easements, with landowners to allow for ease of construction and maintenance when they cross private property. Rights-of-way (ROW) are often recognizable as corridors that are clear of trees, buildings or other structures except for the pipeline markers. A ROW may not have markers clearly present and may only be indicated by cleared corridors of land, except where farm land or crops exist. County Clerk's Offices also have record of easements which are public record.

Encroachments upon the pipeline right-of-way inhibit Equinor's ability to reduce the chance of third-party damage, provide right-of-way surveillance and perform routine maintenance and required federal/state inspections. In order to perform these critical activities, Equinor maintenance personnel must be able to easily and safely access the pipeline right-of-way, as well as areas on either side of the pipeline. Keeping trees, shrubs, buildings, fences, structures and any other encroachments well away from the pipeline ensures that the pipeline integrity and safety are maintained.

For questions concerning planned excavation activities adjacent to Equinor pipelines or any planned construction activity where a Equinor pipeline right-of-way is visible Please contact Equinor at 1-855-750-8024.

## PIPELINE PURPOSE AND RELIABILITY

Equinor operates pipelines that transport three phase production. Three phase production may include a combination of nat-

ural gas, sour gas (also known as poison gas or gas encompassing H<sub>2</sub>S), condensate, crude oil and produced water.

Pipelines are the safest and most efficient means of transporting natural gas and petroleum products, according to National Transportation Safety Board statistics. These pipelines transport the natural gas, which provides about 24 percent of all the energy used in the United States, and over 700 million gallons of petroleum products per day.

In the United States alone, there are over 200,000 miles of petroleum pipelines and 300,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines in use every day. Transmission pipelines are typically larger than gathering and distribution lines. They transport energy products across the country and to storage facilities. Compressor stations and pumping stations are located along transmission and gathering pipeline routes and help push energy products through the line.

Local Distribution Companies deliver natural gas to most homes and businesses through underground main and utility service lines. These lines cover over 800,000 miles of underground pipeline in the United States.

## TRANSMISSION PIPELINE MAPPING

The National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) is a geographic information system created by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in cooperation with other federal and state governmental agencies and the pipeline industry to provide information about pipeline operators and their pipelines. The NPMS Web site is searchable by ZIP code or by county and state, and can display a county map that is printable.

Within the NPMS, PHMSA has developed the Pipeline Integrity Management Mapping Application (PIMMA) for use by pipeline operators and federal, state, and local government officials only. The application contains sensitive pipeline infrastructure information that can be viewed via internet browser. Access to PIMMA is limited to federal, state, and local government officials as well as pipeline operators. PIMMA access cannot be given to any person who is not a direct employee of a government agency.

For a list of pipeline operators with pipelines in your area and their contact information or to apply for PIMMA access, go to [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/). Operators

of production facilities, gas/liquid gathering piping and distribution piping, are not represented by NPMS nor are they required to be.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

While accidents pertaining to pipeline facilities are rare, awareness of the location of the pipeline, the potential hazards, and what to do if a leak occurs can help minimize the number of accidents. A leading cause of pipeline incidents is third-party excavation damage. Equinor is responsible for the safety and security of their pipelines. To help maintain the integrity of its pipeline and rights-of-way, it is essential that pipeline and facility neighbors protect against unauthorized excavations or other destructive activities.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Become familiar with Equinor's pipeline and pipeline facilities in the area (marker signs, fence signs at gated entrances, etc).
- Record Equinor's contact information and any pipeline information from nearby marker/facility signs and keep in a permanent location near the telephone.
- Be aware of any unusual or suspicious activities or unauthorized excavations taking place within or near the pipeline right-of-way or pipeline facility; report any such activities to Equinor and the local law enforcement.

## EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACTIONS IN A PIPELINE EMERGENCY

The following guidelines are designed to ensure the safety of those in the area if a petroleum product pipeline leak is suspected or detected:

- Public safety and environmental protection are the top priorities in any pipeline emergency response.
- Secure the area around the leak to a

safe distance. Because vapors from the products carried in pipelines can migrate great distances, it is important to remove all ignition sources from the area. If safe, evacuating people from homes, businesses, schools and other places of congregation, as well as controlling access to the site may be required in some incident scenarios. Sheltering in place may be the safest action if the circumstances make going outdoors dangerous.

- Establish a command center. Work with Equinor representatives as you develop a plan to address the emergency. Equinor will need to know:
  - Your contact information and the location of the emergency
  - Size, characteristics and behavior of the incident, and if there are any primary or secondary fires
  - Any injuries or deaths
  - The proximity of the incident to any structures, buildings, etc.
  - Any environmental concerns such as bodies of water, grasslands, endangered wildlife and fish, etc.
- Evacuate or shelter in place. Depending on the quantity of product released, or other variables, it may be necessary to evacuate the public or have the public shelter in place. Evacuation route and the location of the incident will determine which procedure is required, but both may be necessary. Evacuate people upwind of the incident if necessary. Involving Equinor may be important in making this decision.
- Equinor will make their Emergency Response Plan information available to Emergency Responders upon request.

## 911 DISPATCH

911 Dispatch personnel play a critical role in effective response to pipeline incidents. Knowing the companies, their contact information, and the products transported in your respective jurisdiction is important for prompt and correct responses in the case of a pipeline incident. Dispatchers actions can save lives, direct the appropriate emergency responders to the scene, and protect our nations' infrastructure from additional issues that can be caused by improper response. Follow these simple guidelines in the case of a pipeline incident:

- Gather the proper information (if possible): company, product, and release characteristics
- Know the appropriate response to each product
- Know the wind direction at the time
- Warn of ignition sources if possible
- Dispatch appropriate emergency responders
- Contact Equinor at 1-855-750-8024

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