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ABOUT GARLAND POWER & LIGHT

Garland Power & Light is a municipal electric utility that provides power to more than 73,000 customers in the City of Garland, Texas. The utility owns and operates a natural gas pipeline, which is used to fuel the utility's Ray Olinger Power Plant located in Collin County.

MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES

Garland Power & Light invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of its gas pipeline. The system is monitored 24 hours a day. Garland Power & Light also utilizes ground surveillance 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 DOES GARLAND POWER & LIGHT DO IF A LEAK OCCURS?

To prepare for the event of a leak, Garland Power & Light personnel regularly communicate, plan and train with local emergency responders. Upon the notification of an incident or leak, Garland Power & Light will immediately dispatch trained personnel to assist emergency responders. Garland Power & Light personnel and emergency responders are trained to protect life, property and facilities in the case of an emergency.

HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK?

Understand the signs of a pipeline leak...

Sight: Continuous bubbling or blowing water in wet or flooded areas, vaporous fogs or blowing dirt around a pipeline area or hole in the ground, 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.

Sound: Volume can range from a quiet blowing or hissing to a loud roar.

Smell: An unusual smell or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipeline leaks. Natural gas is colorless, tasteless and odorless unless commercial odorants, such as mercaptan, is added. Gas transmission/gas gathering pipelines are odorless, but may contain a hydrocarbon smell.

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.
- Move to a safe location, notify Garland Power & Light immediately, and ***call 911*** or your local emergency response number. Garland Power & Light and the 911 operator will need your name, phone number, a brief description of the incident, and the location so the proper response can be initiated.
- Evacuate everyone from the area and prevent others from entering.

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

Act immediately if you suspect a leak...

- **DO NOT** produce any open flame or other potential source of ignition such as an electrical switch, vehicle ignition, light a match, etc. Do not start up or shut down 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 vapors or natural gas.
- **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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:
1-972-485-6465

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Natural Gas	1971	115

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

- **DO NOT** attempt to extinguish a pipeline fire. Wait for local firemen and other professionals trained to deal with such emergencies.

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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

An Emergency Response Plan is developed for each pipeline facility to contain, control and mitigate the various types of emergency conditions/situations that could occur at one of our facilities. For more information regarding Garland Power & Light emergency response plans and procedures, contact us at directly.