



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.

Appalachian Energy, Inc. 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 involving a pipeline facility including tornadoes, mine subsidence, flooding, washed-out or exposed pipelines.
- 5) Third party damage of the pipeline.
- 6) Vandalism or sabotage to a pipeline facility.

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 Appalachian Energy, Inc. 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 Appalachian Energy, Inc. with an understanding of the resources the various agencies have to assist in the event of a gas pipeline emergency. Contact Appalachian Energy, Inc. for more information or availability of its emergency response plan.

RESPONSIBILITY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

Appalachian Energy, Inc. 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.

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

Emergency Services

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

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 gas company personnel.
- 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.
- Investigate the cause of the incident.

PIPELINE SAFETY AND INTEGRITY

We patrol our pipeline rights of way and conduct leak surveys on a regular basis. We conduct periodic inspections of our pipelines and our employees who perform safety sensitive functions receive updated training and are qualified in accordance with the US Department of Transportation regulations for natural gas pipeline operators.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

The Paradigm Liaison Services meetings afford Appalachian Energy, Inc. 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.

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

APPALACHIAN ENERGY, INC. EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

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For additional information concerning Appalachian Energy, Inc. facilities or the public awareness program contact Appalachian Energy, Inc. at:

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A Safe Energy Source

Natural gas is a safe and reliable form of energy. When used properly, natural gas pipelines are the safest way to transport energy; however, as with any type of transportation, you need to use caution.

Appalachian Energy Inc. operates CLASS 3 Natural Gas Gathering Lines near:

Heritage Hall Nursing Home: 2966 Slate Creek Rd, Grundy, VA 24614

Buchanan General Hospital: 1535 Slate Creek Rd, Grundy, VA 24614

West River Machine & Conveyors: 8936 Dismal River Road, Oakwood, VA 24631

