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ABOUT DEKALB CHEROKEE COUNTIES GAS DISTRICT

DeKalb Cherokee Counties Gas District (DC Gas), headquartered in Fort Payne, Alabama, is a natural gas distribution system comprised of almost 900 miles of distribution main in DeKalb, Cherokee and Etowah Counties in the Northeast corner of the State of Alabama.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Pipeline system failures occur infrequently, and most are preventable. Many system failures arise from damage caused by excavators working near the pipelines. ALWAYS Call 811 before you dig. DC Gas personnel will locate our underground facilities prior to your work.

INDICATORS OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK

Blowing or hissing sound, dust blowing from the ground, continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas, rotten egg odor.

IF I SUSPECT A PIPELINE LEAK

Your personal safety should be the first concern. Then, evacuate the area, abandon any equipment being used, avoid open flames, avoid using any source of potential ignition, do not start/tum off vehicles and/or equipment call 911, notify DC Gas.

MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES

DC Gas invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of its distribution system. Critical points of the system are monitored 24 hours a day via a computer controlled monitoring system called SCADA. DC Gas also counts on its staff and public that are traveling or working in the area of the system to stay vigilant to report any problems or dangers they see. The SCADA system monitors the system pressures and flows to ensure safe operating conditions. The SCADA system notifies DC Gas emergency on-call personnel when conditions are outside operating parameters.

Natural Gas and hazardous liquids pipeline and distribution system operators have developed supplemental hazard and assessment programs known as Integrity Management Programs (IMPs). Specific information about DC Gas's program may be found by contacting our offices directly.

PIPELINE MARKERS

- Pipeline markers are used to indicate the approximate location of a natural gas pipeline, and to provide contact information.
- Pipeline markers in your work area do not remove your responsibility for calling 811 before you dig.
- Markers should never be removed or relocated by anyone other than DC Gas personnel.

HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For an overview of DC Gas's IMP, contact us at 800-239-5606.

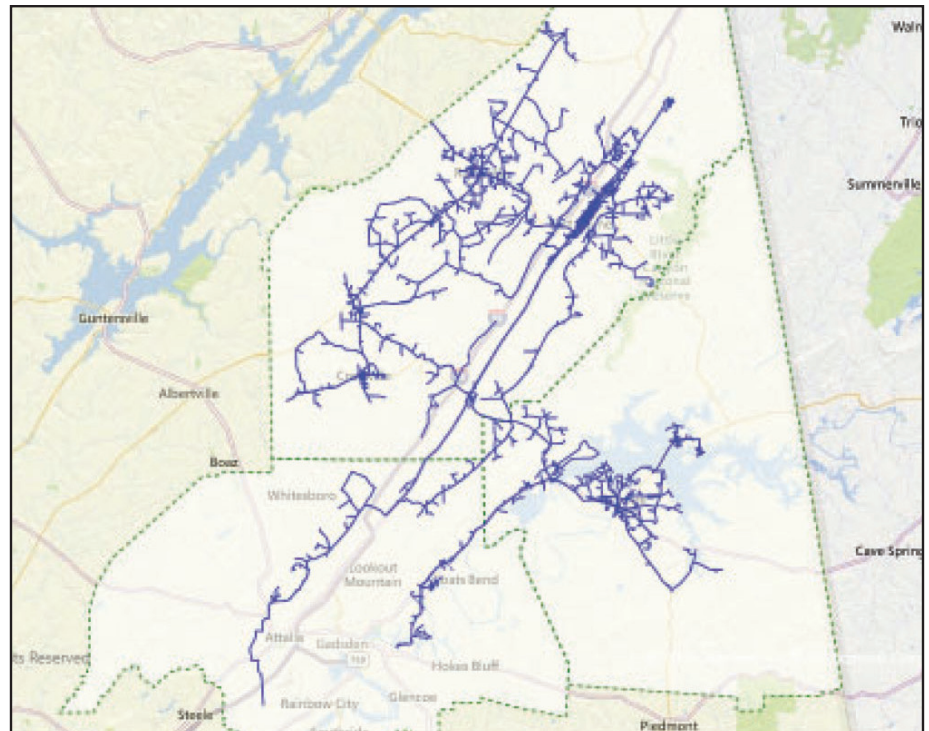
EMERGENCY CONTACT:
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ALABAMA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

DeKalb	Etowah
Cherokee	

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING PIPELINE SAFETY AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE PIPELINE INDUSTRY VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES:

Pipeline resources and information

- al1 call.com
- aldpa.com
- 811 - www.call811.com
- Pipeline 101 - www.pipeline101.com
- Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) -www.aopl.org
- American Petroleum Institute (API) -www.apl.org
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) -www.ingaa.org
- American Gas Association (AGA) -www.aga.org
- Common Ground Alliance(CGA) - www.commongroundalliance.com

Government/Regulatory Agencies

- Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) -phmsa.dot.gov
- Department of Transportation (DOT) -www.dot.gov
- National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) -www.nts.gov
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) -www.ferc.gov
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC -Oil Pipelines) -www.ferc.gov/industries/oil.asp
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) -www.osha.gov
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) -www.nfpa.org

