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## SOUTHERN COMPANY PIPELINES

Southern Company Pipelines operates four natural gas transmission pipelines in Alabama:

The **Harris Pipeline** is an 11-mile, 24-inch steel pipeline operating in Autauga County to provide fuel to Plant Harris. This pipeline is NOT odorized.

The **Franklin Pipeline** is a 5-mile, 20-inch steel pipeline operating in Lee County to provide fuel to Plant Franklin. This pipeline is NOT odorized.

The **Gaston Pipeline** is a 32-mile, 24-inch steel pipeline originates in Coosa County, runs through Talladega County, and terminates just inside Shelby County to provide fuel to Plant E.C. Gaston. This pipeline is odorized.

The **Washington County Pipeline** is a half mile, 10-inch steel pipeline operating in Washington County to provide fuel to the Washington County Cogen Facility at Olin Chemical. This pipeline is odorized.

## PIPELINE SAFETY

As a pipeline operator, Southern Company Pipelines adheres to federal, state, and local pipeline safety regulations by performing extensive quality control checks, educating others on natural gas pipeline leak recognition and damage prevention, and working closely with emergency and public officials to develop emergency response plans.

While these measures all contribute to pipeline safety and incidents are uncommon, the biggest threat to the safety of our pipeline remains with excavation activity. It is important that everyone is well informed about excavation safety because even the smallest pipeline damage can have severe consequences.

Please do your part to ensure pipeline safety by always calling 811 before you dig!



## NATURAL GAS LEAK RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE

If a natural gas pipeline is damaged, or if you encounter these conditions:

- SEE blowing dirt, oddly discolored vegetation or continued bubbling in standing water; or
- HEAR a hissing or roaring sound of high-pressure natural gas escaping; or
- SMELL the distinctive, rotten-egg odor associated with odorized natural gas.

*Note: Do not rely solely on your sense of smell to determine a possible leak. Be aware that some individuals may not be able to detect the odorant because they have a diminished sense of smell, olfactory fatigue, or because the odor is being masked by other odors in the area. Certain conditions may cause the odorant to diminish so that it is not detectable. Some natural gas pipelines may not have odorant added, so escaping gas may not have an odor at all.*

Do the following:

- LEAVE the area immediately by walking away from the damage or potential leak. Do not attempt to repair any damage yourself. Natural gas is non-toxic, lighter than air, and displaces oxygen. In severe cases, if not properly controlled, natural gas can lead to asphyxiation.
- AVOID using any sources of ignition, such as cigarettes, lighters and matches, motorized vehicles or even electronic devices like your cell phone, until you are a safe distance away. A single spark can ignite natural gas and create a fire or an explosion.
- CALL 911 and our pipeline emergency number (844-357-4656) once you are a safe distance away from the area. Stay away until Southern Company Pipelines or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.

## PIPELINE DAMAGE

If our pipeline is ever hit during excavation, even if the damage appears minor (such as a small scrape, nick or dent) it is imperative

## EMERGENCY CONTACT:

1-844-357-4656

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### ALABAMA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Autauga	Shelby
Coosa	Talladega
Lee	Washington

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

that Southern Company Pipelines be notified as soon as possible. Seemingly insignificant damage to a pipeline's protective coating can lead to severe consequences later.



## PIPELINE LOCATION AND MARKERS

A pipeline right-of-way is a defined piece of land where pipelines are installed. A right-of-way can often be identified as a wide, cleared strip of land with pipeline markers. Pipeline markers indicate the general area of the pipeline, but not its exact location or depth, and provide pipeline operator contact information.

Information about the transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at npms.phmsa.dot.gov, courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

If you have a question or concern about activity which might affect our pipeline rights-of-way, please contact:

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

While natural gas incidents are uncommon, it is still important to be prepared. Should an emergency arise with or near one of our pipelines, please complete the following actions:

- Avoid doing anything that might ignite leaking gas in the area – prohibit smoking and cell phone use, and don't use any mechanical equipment that could create a spark.

- Once in a safe area, call 844-357-4656 immediately with the location and type of emergency.
- Establish a safety zone around the incident and control access. You may need to reroute traffic and evacuate homes and businesses in the area.
- Do not attempt to stop the flow of gas or repair the leak yourself.
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves.

For more information regarding Southern Company Pipelines emergency response plans and procedures, please contact:

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