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# IF YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A PIPELINE

### How can you tell where a pipeline is located? Look for these signs:

Line markers, like the ones shown, can be found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway or railway. Since pipelines are buried underground, markers are used to indicate their approximate location along the route.

The markers display the material transported in the line, the name of the pipeline operator, and a telephone number where the operator can be reached in the event of an emergency

# Are pipeline markers placed on top of the pipeline?

Markers indicate the general location of a pipeline. Do not rely on them to indicate the exact position of the pipeline as it may not follow a straight course between markers. Markers are limited in the information they provide. While they are helpful in locating pipelines, they provide no information on the depth or number of pipelines in the vicinity.

#### **Pipeline contents:**

- Pipelines carry both gaseous and liquid materials under high pressure.
- Many liquids form gaseous vapor clouds when released into the air.

- Many pipelines contain colorless and odorless products.
- Some gases are lighter than air and will rise.
- Other heavier-than-air gases and liquids will stay near the ground and collect in low spots.
- All petroleum gases and liquids are flammable.
- Any pipeline leak can be potentially dangerous.

# IF YOU ARE A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL

### You know to take whatever steps you deem necessary to safeguard ...

... the public in the event of a pipeline emergency. The following suggestions are offered as a guide:

- Secure the area to a safe distance including but not limited to the evacuation of homes, businesses, schools, and other locations, as well as the erection of barricades to control access to the emergency site.
- Take steps to prevent ignition if the pipeline leak is not already burning by prohibiting smoking, rerouting traffic and shutting off electricity.
- Burning petroleum products will not explode. Try to prevent the spread of fire if the pipeline leak is burning, but do not attempt to extinguish it. If the fire is extinguished, gas or vapor



Located near roads, railroads and along the pipeline right-of-ways Marker for Pipeline pipeline patrol casing vent plane



#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT:** 1-225-387-0278

PRODUCTS/DO	I GUIDEBOOK I	D#/GUIDE#:
Diesel	1993	128
Gasoline	1203	128
Natural Gas	1971	115

#### LOUISIANA PARISHES OF OPERATION:

East Baton Rouge West Baton Rouge

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

will collect and could explode when reignited by secondary fires.

• Pipeline marker signs show the pipeline company's name, emergency telephone number and pipeline contents. Contact the pipeline company as soon as possible.

# The pipeline company's actions during an emergency

The pipeline company will immediately dispatch personnel to help handle the emergency at the site. They will also provide information to public safety officials to aid in their response to the emergency. They will also take necessary operating actions such as closing and opening valves to minimize the impact of the leak. Public safety personnel and others unfamiliar with the pipeline should not attempt to operate any of the valves on the pipeline. Improper operation of the pipeline valves could make the situation worse and cause other accidents to happen.

# IF YOU OR YOUR COMPANY DOES EXCAVATION WORK

If you are a homeowner or farmer who occasionally digs on your property, please help in preventing pipeline emergencies. Records show that damage from excavation-related activities, particularly from equipment digging into pipelines, is the leading cause of pipeline accidents. Excavation activities in the vicinity of underground pipelines can result in very dangerous situations without proper coordination.

#### Look for pipeline markers

Look for pipeline markers at nearby roads, railroads and fences to determine if there are pipelines in the area where the excavation is planned. Do not try to guess the route or location of the pipeline only from where the markers are placed. Call the pipeline company at the telephone number shown on the marker at least 2 business days before you dig. They will send a representative to mark the exact location. route and depth of the pipeline at no charge. Taking the time to Call Before You Dig protects you, your property, and those around you by preventing serious accidents and injuries. It also helps prevent disruption of services and possible delays of your project.

# What to do if you are digging and disturb a pipeline

Notify the pipeline company immediately, even if you cause what seems to be only minor damage to the pipeline. A gouge, scrape, dent or crease to the pipe or coating may cause a future break or leak. It is imperative that the pipeline owner inspect and repair any damage to the line.

### CALL FOR YOUR SAFETY

If there is a pipeline emergency, make a call to the phone number displayed on the pipeline marker. Or call 911 or your local fire or police authorities directly.

#### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Call at least two business days prior to digging.

#### IDENTIFY PIPELINE ASSETS INCLUDED IN PROGRAM

Placid operates two pipelines: natural gas pipeline (Port Allen, Louisiana) and liquid products pipeline (Port Allen and North Baton Rouge, Louisiana). Placid has identified the entire length of these pipelines as HCAs. Both assets are identified by the US Department of Transportation (DOT) asset identification number 15645.

### Placid Pipeline Company LLC

#### **Natural Gas Pipeline**

The gas pipeline begins at the Enterprise Pipeline Meter Station in Port Allen and terminates at the Placid Port Allen Refinery. The line consists of 6" nominal diameter line and transports natural gas to the refinery. The line is approximately 1.65 miles in length and is a stand alone system.

#### **Liquid Pipeline**

The liquid pipeline begins near the pump station located in the Port Allen Refinery and terminates at the Products Pipeline system tank farm in the Scotlandville/Plank Road area of the North Baton Rouge. The line consists of 8 and 10 inch nominal diameter line and transports refined products to/from the refinery and the Products Pipeline system tank farm. The line is approximately 8.7 miles in length and is a stand alone system.

