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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety (MNOPS) is to protect lives, property, and the environment through the implementation of a program of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline inspections, enforcement, accident and incident investigations, and education.

COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

MNOPS was created in 1987 under Minnesota Statute 299J and 299F. MNOPS is responsible for pipeline inspections, education and enforcement throughout the state. MNOPS also enforces Minnesota's One Call laws (MS216D) which apply to all public underground utility owners and excavators.

Minnesota has over 71,000 miles of pipelines with 9,956 of those operating as interstate pipelines. These pipelines carry a variety of natural gas and hazardous liquid products and range in size from ½ to 48 inches in diameter. There are 98 intrastate and 21 interstate companies that operate these pipeline systems. MNOPS received interstate agent authority from the US DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) to inspect interstate pipelines in 1991.

Our main office is located in St. Paul which includes a staff of 21, including inspectors and support staff. The State Fire Marshal acts as the Director of MNOPS and the Deputy Director oversees the daily operations. Two of our inspectors support our non-metro areas in Clearbrook (northwest MN) and Granite Falls (southwest MN).

Information on pipeline safety regulations, policies and educational activities can be obtained from our website at: <http://ops.dps.mn.gov>.

Please contact us directly if you have any questions. Pipeline emergencies are to be reported through the Minnesota Duty Officer. The MN Duty Officer can be reached 24/7/365.

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