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Southern Company Pipelines operates a 6-mile natural gas transmission pipeline in Kemper County. This 16-inch steel pipeline originates at Pumping Station Road and runs west providing fuel to Plant Ratcliffe.

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 you and your excavators are 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!

ONE CALL REQUIREMENTS

PREPARE by using white marking to define the entire area where excavation is expected to occur and include a safety buffer when marking the area.

CALL or CLICK before you dig by dialing 811 or visiting ms811.org at least two working days before beginning excavation.

WAIT the required time, at least two working days.

CHECK your ticket status before beginning excavation by visiting the Mississippi 811 Positive Response System, ms811.org/positive-response.

RESPECT the marks by reasonably preserving locate markings and requesting remarking – free of charge – when marks are no longer visible.

EXCAVATE safely and carefully.

For more information regarding safe excavation practices, call 811 or visit ms811.org.

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 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.



**Know what's below.
 Call before you dig.**

LEAK RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE

If this natural gas pipeline is ever damaged, or if you:

- **LOOK & SEE** blowing dirt, oddly discolored vegetation or continued bubbling in standing water; or
- **LISTEN & HEAR** a hissing or roaring sound of high pressure natural gas escaping;

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.

**RATCLIFFE NATURAL
 GAS PIPELINE EMERGENCY:
 1-844-357-4656**

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Natural Gas	1971	115

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 COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Kemper

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

Note: This pipeline transports natural gas that is NOT ODORIZED. While any escaping gas may have slight odors from other sources, it will NOT have a pungent rotten-egg type odor. Never rely solely on your sense of smell to determine a possible leak from this pipeline. Instead, it is critical to “Look” and “Listen” for one.

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 this pipeline, please:

- 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 area homes and businesses.
- 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.
- Do not attempt to stop the flow of gas or repair the leak yourself.
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community is available through the National Pipeline Mapping System at npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

