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PIPELINES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Yes, it is very possible that pipelines carrying natural gas or other products are located within or near your neighborhood. Luckily for you, these pipelines have an excellent safety record. According to the National Transportation Safety Board, “pipelines are the safest method of transporting [natural gas].” Pipeline companies have integrated numerous safety mechanisms to ensure maximum safety and efficiency for all pipelines. These mechanisms include, but are not limited to the following:

- Regulated by the US DOT and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
- Periodic pipeline patrols to ensure the security and integrity of each pipeline.
- Placement of proper markings so pipelines are easily identified.
- Contact numbers on all signs.
- And most importantly, concerned citizens like yourself to make notifications when you dig or if a problem is observed.

HOW DO I KNOW WHERE THE PIPELINE IS LOCATED?

Since most pipelines are buried, pipeline markings are located above or near the pipeline so they can be easily located. These signs may contain the name of the commodity, name of the operator, and a contact number in the event of an emergency.



EXAMPLE OF COMMON PIPELINE MARKINGS



HOW TO RECOGNIZE A LEAK?

Even though pipelines have an exceptional safety record, a leak may occasionally occur. Indications of a leak might include:



Smell:

A strange or unusual odor in the vicinity of the pipeline.



Hear:

A hissing or roaring sound (caused by natural gas or product escaping from a pipeline).



See:

- Dirt flying in the air over or near a pipeline or blowing bubbles in water.
- An ice ball on the ground in warm weather, pooling of liquid, or a dense white vapor/fog over where a pipeline is located.
- Flames originating from an opening in the ground.
- Dead vegetation.

IF YOU BECOME AWARE OF A LEAK

- LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY! CALL 911.
- Avoid driving near escaping gas.
- Avoid direct contact with the escaping gas or liquids.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

1-303-991-1480

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Natural Gas 1971 115

PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

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

- Avoid creating sparks or source of heat which could cause the gas or other product to ignite. If you find yourself in a suspected gaseous area, DO NOT light a match, start an engine, or even switch on an electric light.
- Notify Stonehenge Appalachia as soon as possible. If long distance, call collect (no charge). Give your name, a description of the leak, and its location. If you do not know who to call, call your local fire, police, sheriff's department, or state police. Advise them of the nature of the emergency and its location.

PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION

Excavation work, digging or grading are the most frequent causes of pipeline damage. Whether you are planning to build a large project, erect a fence, or simply landscape your property, you must protect your safety and the safety of others by contacting Pennsylvania One-Call System (811), at least three business days before beginning any work. In addition to making the required by law, One Call, you may also find out the location of pipelines in your area along with who operates them by logging onto: www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.