



MERIT ENERGY

**ABOUT MERIT ENERGY COMPANY**

Merit Energy Company, headquartered in Dallas Texas, specializes in oil and natural gas production, and is the owner/operator of several regulated pipelines around the United States.

**WHAT DOES MERIT ENERGY COMPANY DO IF A LEAK OCCURS?**

To prepare for the event of a leak, pipeline companies regularly communicate, plan and train with local emergency responders. Upon the notification of an incident or leak the pipeline company will immediately dispatch trained personnel to assist emergency responders.

Pipeline operators and emergency responders are trained to protect life, property and facilities in the case of an emergency. Pipeline operators will also take steps to minimize the amount of product that leaks out and to isolate the pipeline emergency.

**MAINTAINING SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PIPELINES**

Merit Energy Company invests significant time and capital maintaining the quality and integrity of their pipeline systems. Most active pipelines are monitored 24 hours a day via manned control centers. Merit Energy Company

also utilizes aerial surveillance and/or on-ground observers to identify potential dangers. Control center personnel continually monitor the pipeline system and assess changes in pressure and flow. They notify field personnel if there is a possibility of a leak. Automatic shut-off valves are sometimes utilized to isolate a leak.

**PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED IN YOUR AREA**

**Product:** Highly volatile liquids (Such as Butane, Propane, Ethane, Propylene and Natural Gas Liquids

**Leak Type:** Gas

**Vapors:** Initially heavier than air, can spread along ground and may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Product is colorless, tasteless and odorless.

**Health Hazards:** Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at

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**PRODUCTS/DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/GUIDE#:**

Natural Gas	1971	115
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**TEXAS COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Gregg	Red River
Harrison	Rusk
Hidalgo	Star
Lavaca	Upshur
Panola	

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

high concentrations. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. Fire may produce irritating and/or toxic gases.

**Product:** Natural Gas

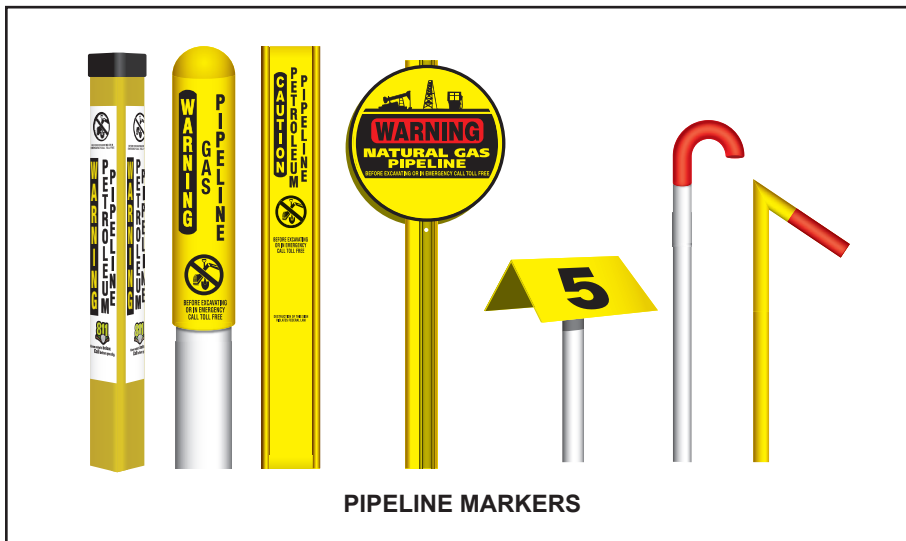
**Leak Type:** Gas

**Vapors:** Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipate. May gather in a confined space and travel to a source of ignition.

**Health Hazards:** Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or asphyxiation without warning and may be toxic if inhaled at high concentrations. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.

**HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For an overview of Merit Energy Company, go to [www.meritenergy.com](http://www.meritenergy.com) or contact us at 972-701-8377. For more detailed information about Merit Energy's products that are transported in your area, please visit [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov).



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