COMPANY PROFILE

BP’s U.S. Pipelines and Logistics business (USPL) moves and delivers the energy that helps power economic growth, serving both the Midwest and Pacific Northwest regions. Every day, USPL manages more than 3,200 miles of pipelines carrying 1.1 million barrels of crude oil, natural gas liquids and refined products. It also has an ownership stake in close to 1,500 miles of additional pipelines. The combined network of pipelines that USPL owns or manages is long enough to stretch from Chicago to London. As of late 2017, the business will maintain 72 above-ground storage tanks with a combined capacity of about 5.3 million barrels.

COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Safety is the foundation of everything BP does, every single day. Its goals are clear: no accidents, no harm to people and no damage to the environment. That’s a huge responsibility — one BP does not take for granted.

In fact, whether looking at oil and gas production or refining and petrochemicals, BP’s rate of Tier 1 events is below the published industry sector average. BP is proud of this progress, but also recognizes that it cannot rest on past achievements. Complacency undermines safety, which is why BP is working every day to become even better, even safer. Even as BP has prepared to respond to an accident, it also has worked hard to ensure that such a response is never needed. Among its many initiatives are:

- Visual inspections of BP’s pipeline right-of-ways are conducted by air and/or ground patrols.
- Above ground marker signs are displayed along the right-of-ways to alert the public and contractors to the existence of our pipelines.
- Internal pipeline inspections are conducted periodically by sophisticated computerized equipment called “smart pigs”.
- Cathodic Protection on our pipelines protects pipelines from external corrosion through the use of an electrostatic current.
- BP is a member and/or participant of numerous damage prevention associations and a member of the “one-call” systems in every state in which we have pipeline facilities within.
- Emergency preparedness and planning measures are in place at BP in the event that a pipeline incident occurs. The company also works closely with local emergency response organizations to educate them regarding our pipelines and how to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency.

“The pipeline system operated by BP is a key element of the economic and security infrastructure of the United States,” says Clive Christison, vice president of pipelines, supply and optimization for BP’s North American fuels business. “Our extensive network of pipes safely and reliably delivers the energy that America needs to heat homes, businesses and schools, and it also delivers the energy that fuels the vehicles, airplanes and machines that make modern life possible.”