

Call Before You Dig



Before you begin any project, use our state's One-Call System (811). This is a free service so that you can proceed safely with digging, trenching, blasting, excavating, drilling or plowing. Never guess where a pipeline is located.



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DIG SAFELY - It's The LAW

An important message to ANYONE who performs excavation work

People doing excavation, or any digging, are the most frequent causes of pipeline damage. Whether you are planning to build a major development or landscape your property, protect your safety and the safety of those around you by notifying our state's One-Call Center (811) 3-5 days before you begin any work on or near a pipeline. The One-Call Center will contact your pipeline company and other utilities who will mark the exact location of the pipeline. This free service will insure that your safety will not be compromised and our pipeline will not be damaged.

What is a pipeline right-of-way?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The granted land used for public utility authorizing access is an easement. Easements provide limited access to test, inspect, maintain and protect the pipeline. They must be kept free from structures and obstructions. Remember not to plant trees or high shrubs on or near any right-of-way. A gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to a pipe or its coating may cause a future safety problem. It is imperative that the gas company inspect and repair any damage to the pipeline no matter how minor it may seem.

Signs of a Natural Gas Pipeline Leak:

Know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in our area. Call immediately if you...

SEE

- **Vegetation** over or near the pipeline which appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.
- **Water bubbling** at a creek, pond, river or any wet area.
- **Dirt being blown** or appearing thrown into the air.
- **Fire or explosion** near or involving the pipeline.
- **Exposed pipeline** which may have been caused by a natural disaster.

HEAR

- A **hissing, whistling or roaring** sound along the pipeline right-of-way.

SMELL

- A **"rotten egg" odor**.
- Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless. The chemical mercaptan is added to natural gas to produce this smell.



DO's When Suspecting a Gas Leak

- **Do...** alert others and leave the area immediately.
- **Do...** leave open any doors you pass through for ventilation.
- **Do...** call the emergency number provided, once away from the area.
- **Do...** remain away from the area until authorities give the OK to return.



DO NOT's When Suspecting a Gas Leak

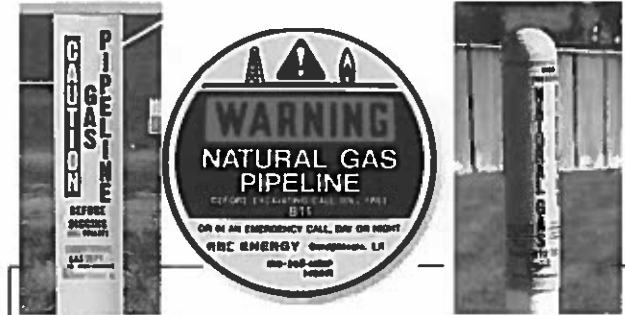
- **Do Not...** operate any electrical switches
- **Do Not...** use an open flame (lighters, etc.)
- **Do Not...** use telephones, cell phones, intercoms, walkie-talkies, flash lights, or any other electrical device (don't even bring them in the area).
- **Do Not...** go near the area. Keep all untrained individuals away.
- **Do Not...** turn off the ignition or attempt to move any motorized equipment in the area of a natural gas leak. Leave it alone.

What is Natural Gas?

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It moves silently, safely and efficiently through an extensive network of interstate pipelines in the United States. Our pipeline system is part of that network. Here are some reassuring facts about natural gas.

NATURAL GAS IS.....

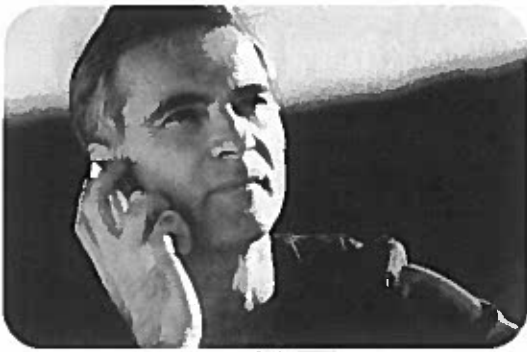
- Not a poison or toxic.
- Colorless and odorless in its natural state.
- Lighter than air and will rise and diffuse



Pipeline markers are important safety warnings. These markers, which identify buried, underground natural gas pipelines, are commonly seen at railway crossings, street intersections, along highways and fence lines. Emergency phone numbers are visible on the markers in case an emergency is discovered or suspected. Use caution because pipeline markers are not always available, and do not always mark the exact location or depth of the pipeline. Always call LA One Call (811) before any digging, especially around underground pipelines.

For Emergency Officials:

Public safety and environmental protection is your highest priority in any emergency response. Contact this operator for more gas emergency information or training. Use our Emergency Number on other side to contact us.



IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

If you smell natural gas or suspect an emergency call:
8am – 3pm: 318-442-1198
After Hrs: 911

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If you would like more information on the subjects found in this brochure or about the pipeline industry in general, visit the following web sites:

www.aga.org (American Gas Association)
www.apga.org (American Public Gas Association)
www.lagas.org (Louisiana Gas Association)
www.laonecall.com (Louisiana One Call)
www.pipeline101.com (American Petroleum Institute)

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