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PURPOSE & RELIABILITY

We operate approximately 14 of natural gas transmission pipelines in Autauga and Dallas in Alabama. This pipeline provides natural gas to the International Paper Riverdale mill near Selma.

According to pipeline data collected by the U.S. Department of Transportation, pipelines are among the safest and most cost-effective means of transporting these products. We are committed to safe and reliable operation of our pipelines in your community.

Once designed, tested and installed, pipelines are operated and maintained according to all federal and state requirements. We conduct regular patrols over our pipelines. We also follow a carefully planned maintenance and inspection schedule.

HAZARD AWARENESS & PREVENTION MEASURES

Natural gas is a clean-burning, efficient fuel. Colorless, tasteless, and lighter than air, it's also odorless in its natural state. So to help people detect leaks, utilities add a foul-smelling odorant to the fuel before sending it to all urban and most (but not all) rural consumers. Natural gas is mostly methane, which has a high ignition temperature and a narrow range of flammability. That said, even the smallest of sparks can cause a fire or explosion.

To protect the pipelines and communities we serve we perform employee training, regular maintenance, testing, corrosion protection, and inspections to check for leaks and damage.

More specific information about our Integrity Management Plan can be obtained by visiting www.blackbeltenergy.com or by calling 877-546-9864.

HOW DO I RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL NATURAL GAS LEAK?

Look: Persistent bubbling in standing water, blowing dirt, or discolored vegetation are signs of a possible leak around the pipeline.

Listen: Note any unusual noise like a hissing or roaring sound.

Smell: Odor is an easy way to identify the release of natural gas. Natural gas in its original state is odorless. An additive is injected into the gas supply to help our customers smell and identify the release of natural gas. That additive smells like rotten eggs.

WHAT DO I DO IF I SUSPECT A LEAK?

- Immediately evacuate everyone from the area or building(s) on foot, moving upwind of the product release.
- Warn others to not enter the natural gas leak area or building(s).
- After everyone is safely away, from a safe location call 911 and immediately notify Black Belt Energy at 877-526-9864.
- Stay a safe distance away (500 feet) from the natural gas leak area. Emergency personnel will tell you when it is safe to return.
- Extinguish any open flames.
- DO NOT light a match, start an engine, use a telephone or cell phone, operate electrical devices, or do anything that may create a spark.
- DO NOT drive a vehicle near the area of release.
- DO NOT attempt to operate any pipeline valves. Leave all valve operation to pipeline company personnel.

PIPELINE MARKERS

Pipeline markers are used to indicate the approximate location of a natural gas pipeline and to provide contact information. Aerial patrol planes also use the markers to identify the pipeline route. Markers should never be removed or relocated by anyone other than a pipeline operator.

These are examples of pipeline markers used to identify Black Belt Energy natural gas transmission pipelines, natural gas mains, and natural gas service lines:



HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Go to www.blackbeltenergy.com or contact us at 877-526-9864. Additionally, the location of transmission pipelines can be found at the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) website: www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:
1-877-526-9864**

PRODUCTS/ DOT GUIDEBOOK ID#/ GUIDE#:		
Natural Gas	1971	115

**ALABAMA
COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Autauga Dallas

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

PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED

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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

An Emergency Response Plan has been developed for each pipeline facility to contain, control and mitigate the various types of emergency conditions/situations that could occur at one of our facilities. For more information regarding Black Belt Energy emergency response plans and procedures, contact us at 888-526-9864.

DAMAGE PREVENTION

Digging-related damage is one of the leading causes of pipeline incidents. Please report any suspected signs of damage, because even relatively minor excavation activities (installing mail boxes, fences, flag poles, landscaping, etc.) can cause damage to a pipeline or its protective coating.



ALWAYS CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!