# **PIPELINE SAFETY**

What You Need to Know About Natural Gas Pipelines

Boardwalk Louisiana Gas Transmission, LLC (BLGT) is committed to operating its pipelines safely and acting responsibly in the communities in which we operate. We have prepared this pamphlet to ensure you are properly informed about our pipelines and to provide safety instructions.

# **Working Together For Safety**

Boardwalk Louisiana Gas Transmission is a Hinshaw natural gas pipeline offering transportation services in the state of Louisiana. With connections to multiple interstate natural gas pipelines, BLGT offers customers access to a variety of supply basins. BLGT currently serves power, industrial and other end use markets in the Lake Charles Area and is well positioned to grow and serve a larger customer base in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Our pipelines carry natural gas to heat homes and fuel appliances. Underground natural gas pipelines are the safest mode of energy transportation. We need your help to keep it that way. It is important for everyone who lives and works near natural gas pipelines to know the basic safety information provided in this pamphlet.

By working together, we can keep our natural gas pipelines operating safely and quietly without disturbances or inconvenience to our neighbors.

Boardwalk Louisiana Gas Transmission has a damage prevention program to prevent damage to its pipelines from excavation activities. Excavation activities include excavation, blasting, boring, tunneling, backfilling, the removal of aboveground structures by either explosive or mechanical means, and other earthmoving operations. To learn the location of underground pipelines before excavation activities begin, contact 811.

### **Coordinated Effort**

Should an emergency occur, our objective is to resolve the situation quickly and safely. Two-way communication with emergency responders is critical for this resolution. BLGT needs immediate access to the incident location in order to assess and develop a plan to resolve the situation.

## **What BLGT Would Do In Case Of An Emergency**

First, we take steps necessary to protect life and property by controlling the flow of natural gas through the impacted section of pipeline and calling emergency response organizations. We also immediately assemble and deploy a team of experts to the location to address the emergency.

Our primary concern is the safety of the community and our response team. Once all safety issues are addressed, we begin assessing any property damage resulting from the incident. We also take steps to preserve the integrity of the site and work closely with local, state and federal agencies to determine the cause of the incident and appropriate remedial measures.

# Before disturbing the earth, please call the National One-Call Center at 811.

# **Police, Fire and Public Safety Officials**

Consider the following as a guide to assist police, fire and public safety officials in safeguarding the public in the event of a pipeline emergency:

- If a BLGT pipeline or facility is involved, report the event and the location of the incident to us.
- Be aware of wind direction and potential ignition sources.
- Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves. You may inadvertently route additional gas to the leak.
- BLGT will operate any valves needed to control gas flow to the area.
- If you can help us identify high consequence areas (generally, areas where people gather or where residences are constructed in reasonably close proximity), please contact the local BLGT office.
- For your safety, we recommend you coordinate your efforts with BLGT personnel before entering any BLGT facility.

For a tour of our local facility, please contact a local BLGT office.

### **How To Identify Our Pipelines**

Pipelines are generally buried underground, therefore, out of sight. To identify BLGT pipelines, markers like these are used to show their approximate locations.

Here are some important facts about our markers and pipeline right-of-way:

- The purpose of a pipeline marker is to identify a pipeline right-of-way and to provide information about BLGT's pipelines including operator name; phone numbers, in case of a possible emergency; and the product inside.
- The pipeline right-of-way is the land over the pipeline, generally measuring 25 feet from each side of the pipeline.
- Markers indicate the general, not exact, location of a pipeline.
- Markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried or how many lines are



in the area.

- It is important to know pipelines do not necessarily follow a straight course between two markers.
- Never rely solely on the presence or absence of pipeline markers someone may have moved or removed the marker.
- To ensure the pipeline right-of-way is properly maintained, do not plant trees or high shrubs, and do not build permanent structures on the right-of-way.
- Do not dig on the right-of-way unless you have notified the One-Call Center. Federal law requires you to call the One-Call Center before digging on or near the right-of-way.
- Do not burn on the right-of-way.

# How To Recognize A Pipeline Leak

Our pipelines are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by our Gas Control Center. In addition, periodic pipeline patrols and leak detection surveys are conducted by our field personnel. In the event of a leak or an emergency involving our pipelines, our field personnel are fully prepared to respond. Our response personnel also coordinate their efforts with public safety officials.

Natural gas is colorless and odorless, unless an odorant is added.

The following are signs that may indicate a leak:



- A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas).
- A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route.
- Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline.
- Flames originating from the ground or from valves along a pipeline route.
- Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas or in marshlands, rivers, creeks or bayous.
- A "gas smell" although odorant may not be present in a transmission pipeline.

#### What To Do If You Notice Or Suspect A Pipeline Leak

Gas in the pipeline may be compressed at a very high pressure. You can be harmed if you come in direct contact with it as it escapes from the pipeline system.

- *Do not attempt* to extinguish a natural gas fire. Call BLGT at 1-800-850-0051.
- Do not make the telephone call from inside a structure if a leak is suspected nearby.
- Turn off and abandon vehicles and equipment in the immediate area.
- Avoid open flames or other sources of ignition. Do not light a match and do

not start motor vehicles or electrical equipment near a suspected leak.

- If gas is not burning, avoid doing anything that may ignite it.
- Evacuate the area on foot, upwind and warn others to stay away from the area.
- Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves. You may inadvertently route additional gas to the leak.

### **How To Report A Pipeline Leak**

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You should report the leak to BLGT by calling 1-800-850-0051 if you suspect the leak is on one of our pipelines. BLGT's telephone number can also be located on our pipeline marker posts or pipeline signs. Give your name, the location and a description of the leak.

# **Pipeline Integrity Management Program**

BLGT has developed and implemented a pipeline Integrity Management Program (IMP) to ensure a safe and secure pipeline in your neighborhood. Through this program, BLGT performs inspection activities, makes improvements and implements preventive measures to ensure public safety and safe pipeline operations. Contact your local BLGT office if you have information about new building or road construction activities or existing daycare facilities, churches, parks, schools, outdoor areas, or subdivisions near BLGT's pipeline. BLGT will verify these sites for inclusion into its IMP plan.



#### PRODUCTS TRANSPORTED IN YOUR AREA (PRODUCTOS TRANSPORTADOS EN SU AREA)

PRODUCT (PRODUCTO)		LEAK TYPE (TIPO DE FUGA)	VAPORS (VAPORES)
	NATURAL GAS GAS NATURAL		Lighter than air and will generally rise and dissipate. May gather in a confined space and travel to a source of ignition.
		Gas	Los vapores de los gases licuados son inicialmente más pesados que el aire y se propagan cerca del suelo. Los vapores pueden llegar hasta las fuentes de encendido y ocasionar que el fuego retroceda.
НЕДІТН	Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames and will form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may cause dizziness or as-		

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phyxiation 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.

Son muy fáciles de incendiarse con el calor, chispas o llamas y forman una mezcla explosiva con el aire. Los vapores pueden causar mareos o asfi xia sin dar ningún aviso y pueden ser tóxicos si se inhalan en concentraciones grandes. El contacto con gas o con gas líquido puede causar quemaduras, heridas graves y/o congelamiento.

# 24-Hour Emergency (Emergencia 24-horas)

or if you notice suspicious activity near our pipeline, call

1-800-850-0051

For non-emergencies call 713-479-8000

Please visit our company website for more safety related information at bwpipelines.com/safety/default.aspx.

For additional information that is available for emergency responders, please see the PIMMA link on the NPMS website.

> **National Pipeline Mapping System** npms.phmsa.dot.gov

For additional information concerning emergency response training for gas fires, go to http://pipelines.training.

> Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Website: www.dnr.louisiana.gov

Para casos que nosean de emergencia, llame 713-479-8000.

Para obtener un folleto en español, visite nuestro sitio web bwpblgt.com.











Did You Make the Call?

# **Important Safety Message for Emergency Responders**

Know what's **below. Call** before you dig.



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