

Creating Awareness for Pipeline Safety

Providing valuable safety information to all our pipeline stakeholders – landowners, public officials and local emergency responders – is an essential part of Iroquois' Public Awareness Program. Every Spring, Iroquois produces this newsletter to create awareness of our pipeline and inform our neighbors as to how we can partner together in pipeline safety.

Hazard Awareness and Prevention

Iroquois operates a 414-mile natural gas transmission pipeline. Natural gas transmission pipelines are considered to be one of the safest and most secure methods of transportation.

However, as with all forms of energy, natural gas must be handled properly. Iroquois works diligently to ensure the safety of our pipeline through a variety of measures including:

- Emergency responder outreach
- Participation in One-Call and Dig-Safe programs
- Integrity management
- Public education
- Pipeline markers and facility mapping
- Communication and coordination with city and municipal agencies
- Security measures

Help Prevent Pipeline Damage

The greatest risk for pipeline damage is unintentional third party intrusion or excavation. Being aware of the presence of the pipeline, and use of the One-Call notification system, are paramount to avoiding such a situation. Ways you can help include:

- Call 811 or your local one-call center at least two full working days before you start digging.
- Report unauthorized excavation or suspicious activity at any pipeline facility to 800-888-3982.

- Notify Iroquois immediately if you become aware of or suspect you have caused damage to the pipeline. It is imperative that Iroquois inspect or repair (if necessary) the problem as any damage, even if it appears to be minor, may lead to a future leak or failure.



Leak Recognition and Response

A natural gas leak is usually recognized by smell, sight or sound.

SMELL: Natural gas is colorless and odorless. Typically, a distinct and recognizable odorant is added to natural gas so that people detect and recognize it immediately.

SIGHT: A dust cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water, or vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.

SOUND: An unusual noise like roaring, hissing or whistling.

If you suspect a leak:

MOVE to a safe location.

CALL local emergency responders at 911 and Iroquois' Gas Control at 800-888-3982.

DO NOT strike a match, use land or cell phones, operate engines and motors, switch lights or appliances on/off, or even turn on a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These

items can produce sparks that might ignite the gas and cause an explosion.

What Emergency Personnel should do if they suspect a gas leak:

SECURE the site and take steps to eliminate ignition sources.

EVACUATE the general public from the vicinity of the leak.

CONTROL secondary fires.

DO NOT try to extinguish a gas burning fire unless there is a threat to life.

CONTACT Iroquois at 800-888-3982.

Emergency Preparedness

During 2021, Iroquois will be reaching out to emergency responders and local fire departments that serve its pipeline communities in New York State to schedule Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and Emergency Response presentations. While we hope to be able to conduct in-person meetings this summer or fall if it is safe to do so, we are currently offering virtual presentations to any emergency response organization that would like to receive this safety training. Please contact Spencer Robinson at 518-669-9748 for more information or to request a meeting.

BUILDING A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE

As a member of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), Iroquois has joined in the adoption of INGAA's 2021 Vision Forward: Our Clean Energy Commitments.

For more information, visit our website at www.iroquois.com/corporate-responsibility/sustainability

Right-of-Way Work Planned

Each year, Iroquois conducts cathodic protection and pipeline integrity surveys along its Right-of-Way (ROW). This work may be conducted in several phases. All Iroquois field crews and contractors will carry identification authorizing their presence on our ROW. Please contact Iroquois' ROW Manager should you have any questions or require additional information.

2021 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

SPRING/SUMMER:

- An aerial inspection of the pipeline land route will be performed as part of our Annual Leak Survey. In addition, technicians and contractors will walk the entire land section length of the pipeline to conduct an annual Test Lead Post Survey verifying the effectiveness of our cathodic protection system.
- Digs will be done at various locations in upstate New York and Connecticut to verify data obtained from integrity assessments.
- An in-line inspection will be conducted on a 12" lateral in New York.

LATE SUMMER/ FALL:

- Vegetation maintenance activities will begin in upstate New York in August.
- Technicians and contractors will walk sections of the pipeline in upstate New York, Connecticut and Long Island to conduct a Close Interval Survey verifying the effectiveness of our cathodic protection system.
- ROW ground repairs will be performed at various locations in upstate New York.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Gas Emergencies: 1-800-888-3982

Landowners' Hotline

Non-Emergency: 1-800-253-5152

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Have you moved, sold your property or rented to a new tenant? Please notify us so we may update our records: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., Change of Address Notification, Right-of-Way Dept, One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, CT 06484. Or, call our Landowner Hotline at 1-800-253-5152, option 2.

Safe Operations & System Reliability

Iroquois' Integrity Management Program focuses on detecting potential issues as soon as possible.

The importance Iroquois places on safe operations and system reliability is reflected in the use of current technology – not only for our upgrades and expansions, but also in our on-going integrity monitoring program that focuses on detecting potential issues (or areas of concern) as soon as possible. Iroquois' program, in compliance with the safety initiatives of the U.S. Department of Transportation, currently includes the following activities:

- Aerial inspections of our pipeline land route are performed to detect underground leakage.
- Pilots and technicians perform aerial or ground surveillance of the pipeline right-of-way to spot disturbance or activity near the pipeline by third parties.

- Technicians monitor our cathodic protection system to be sure the system is operating properly and protecting the pipeline from corrosion.
- Internal inspections of the pipeline that help us detect metal loss, dents, or deformation from outside sources.

Our Engineering Services Department evaluates information from all these sources to determine if remedial action is required. Extra measures are taken to protect zones considered to be High Consequence Areas (HCA) such as areas near hospitals, schools, prisons, playgrounds, religious facilities and highly populated areas.

For additional information on HCAs located in your community, contact Mike Kinik, Director, Engineering Services at 203-925-7223 or michael_kinik@iroquois.com.

Iroquois Supports Safe Digging

Iroquois is committed to raising awareness of safe digging practices through its active involvement in 811 Call Before You Dig organizations in Connecticut and New York.

As part of this effort, Iroquois recently sponsored three virtual Dig Safely New York (DSNY) 2021 "Spring into Safety" workshops for excavators. These workshops serve to educate attendees on best practices, including the importance of calling 811 before digging so that the area in which they are excavating is properly marked.

These markouts identify all underground utilities to avoid

potentially deadly injuries as well as damage to underground utility infrastructure.

Many of Iroquois' field personnel also serve as representatives on the boards of DSNY's Damage Prevention Councils of the Northeast, Capital Region, Central New York, Mohawk Valley and Hudson Valley; and New York 811.

Iroquois extends its appreciation and congratulations to Tom Bashaw, Manager of Field Operations, who has just begun his fifth consecutive year as president of the Call Before You Dig Connecticut board of directors.



Contact the One-Call System Before You Dig:

Nationwide: 811 / www.safeexcavator.com/811

Connecticut: 1-800-922-4455 / www.cbyd.com

New York State: 1-800-962-7962 / www.digsafelynewyork.com

Long Island & NYC: 1-800-272-4480 / www.newyork-811.com