

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.



Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and Emergency Response Presentation with the FDNY

Emergency Preparedness

During 2025, Iroquois will be reaching out to emergency responders and local fire departments that serve its pipeline communities in Lewis and Oneida counties in New York; and Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven counties in Connecticut to schedule Natural Gas Pipeline Safety and Emergency Response presentations.

If your emergency response organization is interested in having a safety training session, contact Iroquois Emergency Response Liaison Nicholas DuBord at 203-944-7068 for more information.

Iroquois' Grant Program



HVA restoration project funded by Iroquois in Dover Plains, NY. Pictured (L to R): Michael Jastremski, Jill Johnson (Iroquois) and Claire Wegh.

For 34 years, Iroquois has supported pipeline communities through various grant programs, including its current Community Grant Program.

The program is competitive-based, providing non-profit organizations with up to \$10,000 for projects that benefit the community with a focus on environmental initiatives and passive recreation.

Iroquois accepts grant submissions twice a year, with May 1st and November 1st deadlines. Visit www.iroquois.com/corporate-responsibility/community-partners/ for guidelines and criteria, or contact Jill Johnson at 203-925-7215 or jill_johnson@iroquois.com.

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 Department, One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, CT 06484. Or, call our Landowner Hotline at 1-800-253-5152, option 2.



Call Before You Dig Numbers

- **Nationwide: 811**
www.safeexcavator.com/811
- **Connecticut: 1-800-922-4455**
www.cbyd.com
- **New York State: 315-437-7394**
www.udignity.org
- **Long Island & NYC: 1-800-272-4480**
www.newyork-811.com

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 third party disturbance or activity near the pipeline.

- Technicians monitor our cathodic protection system to ensure that 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 Vincent Liberto, Manager, Engineering Services at 203-925-7067 or vincent_liberto@iroquois.com.

Right-of-Way Activities

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' Contracting and ROW Specialist should you have any questions or require additional information.

2025 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 sections of the pipeline to conduct an annual Test Lead Post Survey verifying the effectiveness of our cathodic protection system.
- Pipeline integrity digs will be done at various locations in upstate New York and Dutchess County, New York to verify data obtained from assessments.
- An in-line integrity inspection (ILI) will be conducted on the underwater

pipeline from Northport, New York to Bronx, New York.

LATE SUMMER/ FALL:

- Vegetation maintenance will begin in Columbia and Dutchess counties in New York.
- Technicians and contractors will walk pipeline sections in Columbia and Dutchess counties to conduct a Close Interval Survey to verify the effectiveness of our cathodic protection system.
- ROW ground repairs will be completed at various Connecticut locations.
- An in-line integrity inspection (ILI) will be conducted in Dutchess County.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Gas Emergencies: 1-800-888-3982

Landowners' Hotline
Non-Emergency: 1-800-253-5152

Tammy Keith
Contracting and ROW Specialist
203-925-7271
tammy_keith@iroquois.com