

PUBLIC AWARENESS

NATURAL GAS SAFETY:

Natural Gas- Like most fuels is safe when used properly. But accidents can happen. That's why it's important for you and everyone in your family to know all you can about Natural Gas Safety.

Natural Gas- Is odorless, colorless, non-toxic and has no taste in its natural state. To make it easy to detect even the smallest leak, we add a harmless chemical "mercaptan" which smells like sulfur or rotten eggs. Natural gas is 40% lighter than air. So if it isn't contained it rises, finding its way into the atmosphere where it dissipates.

PIPELINE LOCATION INFORMATION:

Natural Gas pipelines will sometimes be marked with signs. Since pipelines are buried underground, the markers are used to indicate the pipeline's approximate location. The signs generally will be located at major roadway and railroad crossings and at intervals along major roadways. Information on the sign includes the telephone number for reporting pipeline emergencies.

Pipeline markers and signs are not always placed on top of the pipeline. Markers indicate the general location of the pipeline. They cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact location of the pipeline they mark, the depth of the pipeline or the number of pipelines in the vicinity.

Pipeline markers are important to public safety. It is a federal crime for any person to willfully deface, damage, remover, or destroy any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker required by federal law.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE SAFETY

Pipeline Purpose and Reliability:

The United States relies on natural gas for nearly one-fourth of its energy. Each day, underground pipelines carry natural gas safely and efficiently to millions of homes and businesses across the United States.



Natural gas is used to heat homes and businesses, heat water, cook meals, for many industrial processes and as fuels for vehicles and electric power generation. In our community, underground pipelines provide natural gas service to homes, businesses, schools, and industries. The National Transportation Safety board has found that pipelines provide the highest level of public safety as compared to other transportation modes. Pipeline operators are extensively regulated by Federal and State regulations with regard to design construction, operation and maintenance. Safety is the number one priority of America's natural gas industry. We want you to know what to do if you ever smell gas or if a natural gas pipeline emergency occurs where you live or work.

CAUTION



RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF A NATURAL GAS LEAK



SIGHT—

Look for dirt being blown into the air, mist, fog, bubbling in standing water, fire coming from the ground or dead or dying vegetation.



SOUND—

Listen for any unusual noise like roaring, blowing, hissing or whistling.



SMELL—

Notice any unusual odor. WBNG adds an odorant to natural gas to give it a noticeable odor of sulfur or rotten eggs.

**CALL WBNG
WITH ANY
QUESTIONS
OR CONCERNS
256-974-9023**

Answer all questions correctly and return the Quiz form with your name, address & phone number to WBNG for a chance to win a Gift Card.
Mail entry to:
WBNG "Quiz"
3960 CO RD 434
Moulton AL 35650.
Drawing will be
November 30,
2007.

DAMAGE PREVENTION:

The greatest risk to underground natural pipelines is the accidental damage during excavation. Even minor damage such as a dent, scrape, crease, or gouge to a pipeline coating may cause a leak or failure. **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. It's the law!**

Alabama One Call at 1-800-292-8525 or dial 811. It's a Free Call!

- Call Alabama One Call before digging. www.al1call.com
- Wait for the site to be marked.
- Respect the marks.

Remember to "Dig Safely" www.digsafely.com

IF YOU DETECT A GAS LEAK:

- Turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you may be operating
- If in a building, ventilate by opening doors and windows if possible, then exit the building immediately.
- Move to a safe environment and warn others to stay away.
- Call WBNG immediately at 256-974-9023 (use a neighbor's telephone), in the event of fire or explosion, call 911. Do not assume someone else will report the condition.
- Avoid flames and operating electrical appliances and/or other equipment. Do not smoke or light matches.
- Do not use telephones (even cellular) flashlights or other items that can produce a spark.
- Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves or extinguish pipeline fires.

QUIZ

PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER & RETURN

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| 1. Natural Gas smells like rotten eggs or sulfur. | True or False |
| 2. The Call Before You Dig number is 1-800-292-8525 or 811. | True or False |
| 3. One way to detect a gas leak is by sound. | True or False |
| 4. When digging around natural gas pipelines respect all marks? | True or False |
| 5. It's the law to call before you dig. | True or False |
| 6. The pictures on the front are of a flag, gas meter & pipe marker. | True or False |
| 7. Natural Gas is used to heat homes, heat water & for cooking. | True or False |

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____