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NATURAL GAS FACTS AND SAFETY TIPS

WHAT IS NATURAL GAS?

Natural gas is a nontoxic, colorless fuel, about one-third lighter than air and has no smell in its natural state. Natural gas has limited flammability range and a high ignition point. When mixed with air in the right proportion and ignited by a spark or flame, natural gas will burn or explode. Before natural gas enters the NOPFA natural gas pipeline an odorant is added to make natural gas detectable to sense of smell.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS INSIDE A BUILDING

If you happen to smell gas in your home and are unable to find the source, go to a neighbor's house and call NOPFA. Do not use the telephone in or around your home; do not switch a light on or off, or light a match when leaving your home; wait at the neighbor's house until our service technician arrives to make a safety inspection of your home.

BASIC INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPERS

The NOPFA's pipelines are always constructed along right-of-ways. This grants NOPFA to use a portion of land to install, operate and maintain its pipeline facilities. NOPFA will work closely with developers who wish to build projects that involve our pipeline right-of-way and easements. To ensure pipeline integrity, a developer may not erect buildings or any other structures on right-of-way; excavate, change the grade, or impound water within right-of-way; move heavy equipment across the right-of-way without approval. If you, a developer and would like more information, please Contact NOPFA at 918-456-5621.

HOW SAFE IS NATURAL GAS?

Natural gas has an excellent safety record and gas emergencies are not common. However, NOPFA believes people should know how to recognize and respond to a natural gas emergency if one should occur. Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority is committed to the safe operation of our facilities and have prepared this brochure to help raise awareness about pipeline safety. If you have any questions about natural gas safety please contact us at 918-456-5621.

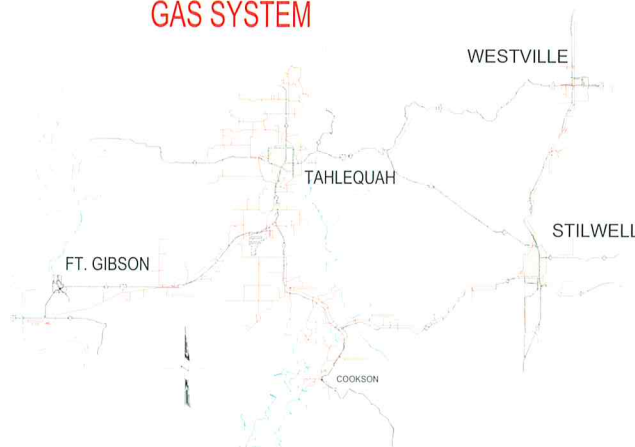
ANNUAL HOME SAFETY CHECK

Natural gas itself is nontoxic. The potential danger comes from the incomplete combustion of natural gas, which can produce carbon monoxide. If you smell any unusual odor and can't immediately identify and remedy the source, get yourself and others out of the area and call the fire department. Carbon monoxide results from the incomplete combustion of any fuel in air. This includes wood, gasoline, kerosene, propane and natural gas. NOPFA recommends that you have your burning appliances inspected annually by a professional.

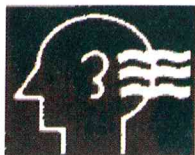
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

NOPFA operates underground natural gas pipelines in your area. NOPFA makes every effort to prevent emergency situations. Should a pipeline failure occur, our employees are well trained and experienced to manage such an event. Employees train throughout the year and continually sharpen their emergency response skills. In an emergency, NOPFA will dispatch responders quickly. It will reroute or shut down the pipeline, if necessary, and take action to protect the public, employees and the environment. For more information about emergency response plans, contact NOPFA at 918-456-5621.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY GAS SYSTEM



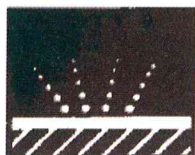
RECOGNIZING GAS PIPELINE HAZARDS AND EMERGENCIES



Hissing or Blowing
Sound



"Rotten egg"
Odor



Dirt being blown
into the air



Dead or Brown
Vegetation



Fire emanating
from the ground



Water blowing into the
air at standing water

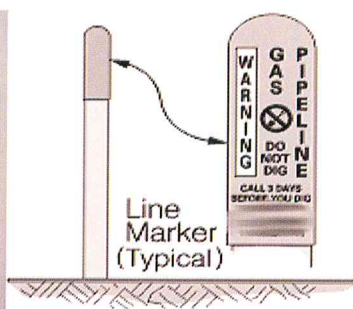
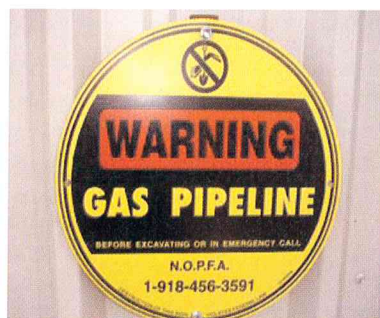
DAMAGE PREVENTION

WHERE ARE GAS PIPELINES LOCATED

In the course of your work, you might encounter our pipeline markers. Pipeline markers identify the general area where our natural gas pipelines run and show our name and phone number. Markers indicate the general, not exact; location of a pipeline. Not all pipelines follow a straight path between two markers and the markers don't indicate how deep the line is buried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PRECAUTIONS

Do not make unauthorized use of a right-of-way or drive heavy loads across a buried line (except at roads) without consulting Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority. Always call before you dig and abide by all location markings. While excavating, carefully hand dig until gas line is exposed. When backfilling, provide proper support for gas lines and ensure adequate soil cover on top. Use suitable rock-free material to avoid damage to the pipe or pipe coating.



PREVENTING PIPELINE EMERGENCIES

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Before excavating, grading roads, or other construction, always have our gas lines located. A NOPFA employee will come and locate the gas line for you at no charge.

USING THE ONE-CALL SYSTEM

Protect your safety and the safety of those around you by calling the OKIE One-Call System at 1-800-522-6543, at least 48 hours before you excavate. OKIE will contact the utility companies that have buried utilities to mark the location of all lines for free.

RESPONDING TO PIPELINE EMERGENCIES

GAS ESCAPING FROM BROKEN LINE

Turn off machinery and prevent other sources of ignition such as open flames, vehicle engines and the operation of electrical switches. Evacuate all personnel from the endangered area and prevent vehicles and bystanders from entering the area. Do not attempt to make any repairs or operate natural gas valves. **Call NOPFA at 1-918-456-3591 immediately. Call 911 to notify the nearest fire and law enforcement for assistance.**

IF ESCAPING GAS CATCHES FIRE

Evacuate the area and prevent others from entering. Do not attempt to put out flames. Putting out a gas fire without stopping the supply of gas could cause a more serious danger. **Call NOPFA at 1-918-456-3591 immediately. Call 911 to notify fire and law enforcement for assistance.**

IF A LINE IS PULLED, JARRED, OR IF COATING OR LOCATING WIRE IS DAMAGED

Stop all work and check for the sound and other signs of escaping gas in the area. **Call NOPFA at 1-918-456-3591 immediately.** Do not attempt repairs or backfill until NOPFA's employees have repaired any damages. Unrepaired damage to a gas line or coating will eventually cause a failure to occur. Unrepaired damage to a locating wire will cause difficulty in properly locating a plastic gas line in the future.