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## ABOUT CENTERPOINT ENERGY

CenterPoint Energy's natural gas transmission and distribution businesses have been serving customers for more than a century. We own and operate about 140.000 miles of mains and services that deliver gas to communities in Arkansas. Indiana. Louisiana. Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Ohio and Texas. This makes CenterPoint Energy one of the largest publicly traded natural gas distribution companies in the country. In Minnesota, CenterPoint Energy operates eight propane-air peak shaving facilities, one liquefied natural gas facility and one underground storage facility.

## COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

According to the National Transportation and Safety Board, pipelines are the safest, most economical way to transport products. We are committed to the safe operation of our natural gas pipelines in your community. In fact, we monitor the operations of our pipelines from our control centers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our natural gas facilities are designed, installed, tested, operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements. Because safety is so important, we're dedicated to having an excellent pipeline safety program, including routine inspections, corrosion protection, maintenance and testing programs, employee training and public education.

Due to their proximity to populated or environmentally sensitive areas, some portions of our pipeline systems have been designated as High Consequence Areas. These areas are subject to increased inspection and maintenance measures, known as an integrity management program. More information on CenterPoint Energy's integrity management programs and natural gas safety can be found at **CenterPointEnergy.com/Safety**. To view and download maps of transmission pipelines in your county, visit www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov, which is the National Pipeline Mapping System managed by the federal government.

If a gas pipeline emergency were to occur, CenterPoint Energy personnel will work directly with local emergency responders. Our priorities at the scene of a pipeline emergency are the same as yours - protect people, property and the environment. CenterPoint Energy field personnel are trained in Incident Command Structure (ICS) and familiar with how to work with local responders within the ICS framework. CenterPoint Energy personnel will restrict the flow of gas and implement other operating actions as needed to minimize the impact of the emergency.

Public safety officials and other unauthorized personnel should not attempt to operate pipeline valves on the pipeline, as this could make the situation worse and cause other accidents to occur.

Since most pipelines are buried underground, pipeline markers are used to indicate their approximate location along the route. They are commonly found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, railway or river, and they display:

- The material transported in the line
- The name of the pipeline operator
- A telephone number where the pipeline operator can be reached in the event of an emergency

For your safety, always call before you dig. Call 811, the Call Before You Dig number, at least 48 hours (two working days) before you dig. It's easy, it's free and it's the law.



## EMERGENCY GAS LEAK: (for emergency responders only) (612) 321-5464 (Twin Cities) (888) 944-4564 (Toll Free)

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## MINNESOTA COUNTIES OF OPERATION:

Anoka
Blue Earth
Brown
Carver
Chippewa
Chisago
Crow Wing
Dakota
Douglas
Faribault
Freeborn
Hennepin
santi
Kanabec
Kandiyohi
_e Sueur
VicLeod
Vleeker
Ville Lacs
Vorrison

Nicollet Pipestone Pope Ramsey Redwood Renville Rice Rock Scott Sherburne Sibley Stearns Steele Stevens Swift Todd Waseca Washington Watonwan Wright

Changes may occur. Contact the operator to discuss their pipeline systems and areas of operation.

