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NATURAL GAS

Natural Gas is derived from wells drilled to depths from 1,000 feet to 5,000 feet in the Eastern Kentucky, Northern Tennessee, and Western Virginia areas. This gas is transported through underground pipelines and pressure booster stations to the market. These markets may be individual consumers or gas distribution companies who then distribute the gas to their customers.

Pipelines are generally buried from 24 inches to as much as 48 inches below the ground so as to protect pipelines from damage.

Damage to pipelines may result in release of natural gas which can be hazardous to the public.

Natural gas is a colorless and in some cases odorless gas. It is highly combustible when mixed with the proper amount of air. Fire or asphyxiation can occur.

**HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH
NATURAL GAS RELEASES**

Smaller gas pipelines called distribution lines run under streets, sidewalks and yards across the PNM service communities. Due to erosion, landscaping, and other causes, distribution pipelines to individual homes and businesses may only be a few inches deep. Striking a natural gas line could result in damage, including explosions, and even death.

LEAK INDICATIONS

- Brown or discolored vegetation amid healthy plants
- Dirt being blown into the air
- Fire at or below ground level
- Bubbles coming from bodies of water
- A loud roar or hissing sound
- Odor of mercaptan or sulfur (rotten eggs)

RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Isolate and secure the area and restrict access
- Do not operate (open or close) valves or other pipeline equipment
- Establish a perimeter of the impacted area
- Eliminate ignition sources
- Ensure notification of pipeline operator as quickly as possible
- Stage apparatus and equipment based on atmospheric monitoring and weather conditions
- Do not extinguish burning natural gas fires--protect exposures and coordinate isolation operations with pipeline personnel

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**TENNESSEE
COUNTIES OF OPERATION:**

Claiborne

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

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:
USE ONE CALL SYSTEMS**

The law requires anyone planning to dig or excavate near an underground pipeline to notify a local One-Call Center two working days (48 hours) before beginning work. The One-Call Center will notify member utilities that operate buried facilities in the area. A utility representative will determine if the project is near underground facilities and dispatch someone to the work site to clearly mark the route and location of buried cables and/or pipelines.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Tennessee One Call:
800-351-1111

Virginia One Call:
800-552-7001

Kentucky One Call:
502-266-5123