



**Vector Pipeline™**

# Pipeline Safety and Emergency Information

for emergency and public officials



Vector Pipeline is a 348-mile natural gas transmission pipeline that is operated by Enbridge. You are receiving this brochure because we have identified you as an **Emergency or Public Official** with responsibilities near Vector Pipeline's natural gas pipeline and/or related facilities. Please keep this brochure and share this important information with other emergency and public officials.

**Emergency number: 1-888-427-7777**

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## Pipeline safety: A shared responsibility

Life takes energy: to heat our homes, to feed our families, to fuel our vehicles. Vector Pipeline connects people to the energy they need to help fuel their quality of life.

As an Emergency or Public Official, you need to be aware of the Vector Pipeline in your area and how to respond safely and effectively to a pipeline emergency. At your request, we can provide additional Vector Pipeline information including the pipeline's location and size and the contents transported. For additional resources, details on emergency response drills in your area, to talk to a Vector Pipeline representative or to schedule a Vector Pipeline presentation during your next meeting, please call **1-888-293-7867** or email us at **[uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com](mailto:uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com)**.

### Pipeline purpose and reliability

The United States has the largest pipeline network in the world. Data collected by the U.S. Department of Transportation reports pipelines are the safest way to move energy resources like the crude oil, natural gas and other petroleum products Enbridge transports. We are committed to the safe and reliable operation of our pipelines in your community. Every year our company invests in the latest technology and training to meet the high environmental and safety standards expected by those who live and work near our pipelines.

### Our safety measures

Safety is, and always will be, our number one priority. Our team devotes hundreds of thousands of hours every year to keeping our systems running smoothly and without incident. We invest heavily in safety measures, including:



Inspection and preventative maintenance programs



Around-the-clock monitoring of pipelines and facilities



Emergency response training and drills for employees and local emergency responders



Pressure tests on new and existing pipelines



Aerial and ground patrols along the pipeline right-of-way



Automatic shut-off and remote-control valves



High-quality pipeline material and protective coating

Vector Pipeline has enhanced safety measures for pipelines that cross bodies of water and highly populated or environmentally sensitive areas.

To read more about our pipeline safety efforts, visit **[enbridge.com/safety](https://enbridge.com/safety)**.



**Risk:** Failure to dig safely can endanger yourself, emergency responders and your community. Safe digging practices can save your life.

Enbridge maintains a Damage Prevention Program in accordance with state and federal guidelines. The purpose of this program is to prevent damage to our pipeline facilities from excavation activities such as digging, trenching, blasting, boring, tunneling, backfilling or other activities such as heavy equipment crossing, storage on the right-of-way (ROW), etc. The Damage Prevention Program also monitors the depth of cover over our pipelines and conducts regular patrols of our ROW to monitor for unauthorized activities.

If you see someone digging or disturbing the soil and there are no colored flags or marks on the ground, please stop the activity and ask the person to call **811** or visit **clickbeforeyoudig.com** before continuing. One should not rely on word-of-mouth, maps, memory or pipeline markers when planning a digging project.

One-call requirements



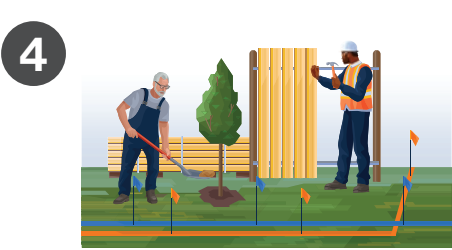
At least two to three business days before your project—any time you are disturbing the soil—(depending on state law), call **811** or visit **clickbeforeyoudig.com**.



When you call or click, you'll be connected to a representative, where you'll be asked to provide important details about your project, such as the type of work you'll be doing, where you'll be doing it and when your project is expected to begin.



**811** will provide this information to pipeline operators, such as Enbridge and other companies with buried utilities near the work site, saving you the time and trouble of contacting them individually.



Within a few days, professional locators will come to your location and mark underground utility lines—including pipelines (marked with yellow flags or paint)—so you can work around them, saving yourself from possible injury or property damage.



# Know what's below



## Pipeline ROW and pipeline location

A pipeline follows a narrow, clear stretch of land, called a ROW, that allows our employees and contractors to access the pipeline for inspections, maintenance, testing and emergencies.

Approximate location of the pipeline can be determined by the pipeline marker.

A few important notes when it comes to ROWs and pipeline markers:

- The pipeline marker displays the operator's name, the product transported and an emergency phone number.
- Markers should never be removed or relocated.
- Markers should not be used to give exact locations and are not an alternative to calling 811.
- If an emergency is suspected or discovered, call the number on the marker.
- ROW must be kept free from structures and obstruction to allow proper inspections, access for maintenance or in case of an emergency.



**Vent  
marker**



**Line  
marker**



**Aerial  
marker**

Marker appearance may vary in your area.

# Know what's near you



## Above ground facilities

While most Enbridge pipelines are buried underground, our system also includes additional facilities such as compressor stations, metering stations and natural gas storage. It's important that you know what to expect as part of the normal operations at these facilities.

Emergency and Public Officials like you can help us maintain a safe, secure and reliable pipeline system. If you notice any suspicious activity or abnormal odor near one of our above ground facilities, call 911 immediately, then call Enbridge's 24-hour emergency number found in this brochure.

## Keeping pipelines safe

The objective of Enbridge's Integrity Management Program is to improve pipeline safety through a systematic approach involving data gathering, risk assessment, integrity assessments, prevention and mitigation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has developed specific High Consequence Area (HCA) and Moderate Consequence Area (MCA) regulations for the operations and maintenance of pipelines. These regulations are more rigorous than those for non-HCA or non-MCA locations and focus integrity management activities on populated areas and areas where it would be difficult to evacuate people. In most cases, we apply the more rigorous requirements to the operation of all our pipeline facilities, not just the HCAs or MCAs.

Facility and purpose	Normal operations
<b>Compressor stations</b> move natural gas through the pipeline at a consistent pressure.	Each station has built-in safety features that detect problems and automatically shut down equipment. During normal operations, no significant odors should be detected.
<b>Metering stations</b> measure and <b>valve sites</b> control the flow of products through the pipeline.	No significant odors should be detected during normal operations.
<b>Natural gas storage</b> helps balance supply and demand for natural gas. During periods when the need for natural gas is not as high, natural gas supplies are stored. When consumer demand increases, the supplies are put back into the interstate pipeline network for delivery.	Each facility has built-in safety features that detect problems and automatically shut down equipment. During normal operations, no significant odors should be detected.

# Crossing or traversing the ROW



ROWs are not designed as roads or storage locations. The weight of vehicles, equipment or materials can damage pipelines below.



**Do NOT do the following without obtaining Enbridge consent:**

- Cross or travel along ROW with a vehicle, machinery or mobile equipment
- Park vehicles or equipment on ROW
- Stockpile materials or construct any structures on the ROW
- Disturb the ground within the ROW

**Vehicle and mobile equipment crossings**

As part of Enbridge's ongoing commitment to public safety, Enbridge requires that anyone wanting to cross the pipeline with vehicles including recreational vehicles like 4X4s, all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, motorcycles or mobile equipment (outside of a traveled portion of a highway or public road) submit a request to obtain the pipeline company's written consent before doing so. By submitting your request, you provide Enbridge the opportunity to assess:

- If the vehicle, machinery, or mobile equipment being used can safely cross or traverse our pipeline within the ROW at that location
- If the proposed use is safe by confirming the location and depth of cover of pipelines at the location of the crossing
- If any mitigation measures are required due to there being a potential risk or no alternative crossing locations

**Crossing during an emergency:**

If a crossing is required while responding to an emergency, please call Enbridge's emergency number before crossing the ROW.

**Non-emergency crossings:**

Email Enbridge at [crossingsus@enbridge.com](mailto:crossingsus@enbridge.com) before using the ROW.

# Emergency information

## Information for 911 dispatchers

After identifying a potential pipeline emergency and dispatching local responders, take the following actions (as the situation dictates) to facilitate a safe, effective response:



### Do

- Reassure the caller emergency response crews and Enbridge will be contacted and will arrive soon.
- Advise the caller of an evacuation center if it has been designated.
- Call Enbridge's toll-free, 24-hour emergency number.
- Instruct caller to move as far away from the leak as possible (upwind if possible), avoiding contact with escaping liquids and gases.



### Do NOT

- Drive into the area or start your car.
- Light a match.
- Turn on or off anything that may create a spark (cell phone, telephone, light switch, vehicle alarm, vehicle keyless entry system, flashlight) – until you are in a safe location.
- Operate pipeline valves.
- Remain in a building if the smell is stronger inside than outside.

## The role of the local responder

Besides handling traffic control, securing the site and fighting secondary fires, local responders often assist by:

- Making appropriate contacts if it appears that the pipeline incident impacts other agencies, facilities or local authorities.
- Handling search and rescue.
- Providing medical aid.
- Coordinating a community emergency response plan, determining whether evacuation is warranted (mandating an evacuation, if required) and designating an evacuation center.

## Planning and zoning departments – please read!

### Land development near pipelines

Public officials involved in planning and zoning can help by verifying that land developers submit plans showing the accurate location of nearby pipelines and other buried utilities at the proposed site.

For additional information, see the Department of Transportation's recommended practices for developing land near existing pipelines and facilities, please visit [phmsa.dot.gov](http://phmsa.dot.gov).



### If any pipelines exist, ask the developer:

- ☐ Have you consulted with the utility operator?
- ☐ Have you, working with the utility operator, considered the need for ROW access or setback requirements?
- ☐ Have you considered evacuation routes to be used in the unlikely event of an emergency?
- ☐ How will you prevent excavation damage to buried utilities during construction?
- ☐ Are there plans for alternative uses for the pipeline ROW such as green spaces, parks, golf courses, trails and other recreational spaces?

### Did you know?

Contacting the pipeline operator as soon as possible means we can stop the product flow and make notifications as needed.

# Incident Command System



Enbridge utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS) for managing a response to an emergency.

The ICS organizational structure is designed to coordinate with other responding agencies and to include those agencies inside a unified Command Post for a coordinated response.

The ICS is a flexible, scalable tool that provides a common framework, uses common terminology and has standardized functional roles.

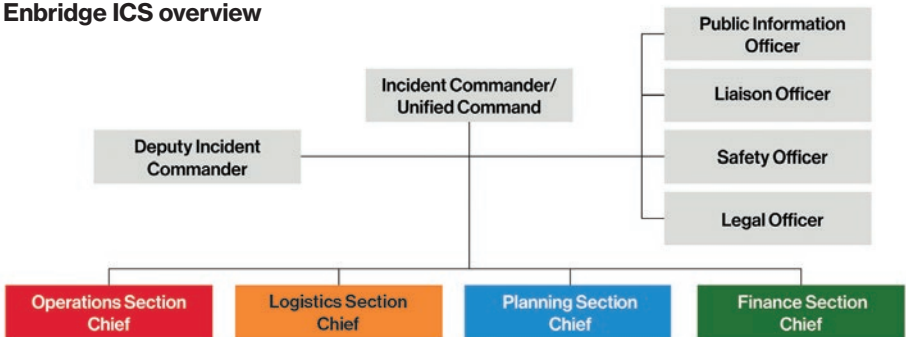
By using the ICS, trained personnel from throughout the organization can be deployed to support an incident.

Elements of the response management enabled through use of the ICS include:

- Incident action – define objectives, strategies and resources that contribute to public safety, responder safety and the environment
- Site safety and security
- Communications plans
- Containment and recovery
- Clean-up and waste management
- Public information management

Additional information on ICS can be obtained on the Federal Emergency Management Agency webpage at [training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource](https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource).

## Enbridge ICS overview



# Types of natural gas

## Hazard awareness and prevention measures

Natural gas pipelines typically operate under high pressure and can move large volumes of gas, therefore accidents involving them can be hazardous.

If an incident occurs on an Enbridge pipeline, our representatives will provide the emergency responders with safety data sheets for the product in the pipeline.

The chart below provides general information about products transported through Enbridge pipelines. For more information, please see the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration's Emergency Response Guidebook. Request a free copy or download the mobile app at [phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library.erg](https://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library.erg).

### Natural gas transported through our pipelines

Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colorless gas or liquid</li><li>• Steam like cloud or frost-like appearance on the ground (specific to natural gas liquids (NGLs))</li></ul>
Odor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No odor will be detected unless an odorant is added for shipping</li><li>• Similar to gasoline (specific to NGLs)</li></ul>
Special behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low density and lighter than air</li><li>• In an open area, it rises into the atmosphere and dissipates</li><li>• In an enclosed area, it collects first overhead</li><li>• Heavier than air (specific to NGLs)</li><li>• Stays close to the ground in low-lying areas (specific to NGLs)</li></ul>
Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extremely flammable and explosive</li><li>• Suffocation can occur if vapors displace the oxygen in an enclosed area</li></ul>

## Responding to a natural gas incident

In the event of an emergency involving natural gas, evacuate all unnecessary personnel and wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Contact Enbridge immediately so we can stop the product flow and then allow any fire that may be present to burn out. **Do not operate pipeline valves.**

For detailed information on product hazards and appropriate responses to a pipeline emergency, we encourage you to take free online pipeline emergency response training at [mypipelinetraining.com](https://mypipelinetraining.com).



# Resources

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## Free training opportunity for emergency responders and 911 dispatchers

Emergency responders and others responsible for public safety in our counties of operation – including 911 dispatchers – can access the National Association of State Fire Marshals' Pipeline Emergencies online training program at [mypipelinetraining.com](http://mypipelinetraining.com).

The trainings can be completed in one or multiple sessions and a certificate is provided upon completion. This program may qualify for the following:

- Continuing education credits
- OSHA HAZMAT compliance
- Insurance Service Office Fire Suppression Rating Schedule Program

For more information, please contact us at **1-888-293-7867** or [erinfo@enbridge.com](mailto:erinfo@enbridge.com).

## Safe Community First Responder Program

Enbridge offers grants to emergency response agencies in the communities where we operate. These grants can be used for equipment or training to help organizations respond effectively to pipeline emergencies.

For more information, visit [enbridge.com/safecommunity](http://enbridge.com/safecommunity).

## Emergency response plans

Our Emergency Response Plans are available to emergency response organizations in counties where we operate. These plans provide information on the ways we'll work with emergency responders during the initial stages of a pipeline incident.

To request a copy of the emergency response plan for your area, please contact us.

## Additional resources for emergency response plans

- [mypipelinetraining.com](http://mypipelinetraining.com)
- [emergencyresponderinfo.com](http://emergencyresponderinfo.com)
- [phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/erg/emergency-response-guidebook-erg](http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/erg/emergency-response-guidebook-erg)
- [npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://npms.phmsa.dot.gov)
- [naturalgas.org](http://naturalgas.org)
- [ingaa.org](http://ingaa.org)
- [pipeline101.org](http://pipeline101.org)
- [call811.com](http://call811.com)
- [clickbeforeyoudig.com](http://clickbeforeyoudig.com)

# Contact Vector Pipeline







You can find out where pipelines are in your area by going to the National Pipeline Mapping System website at [npms.phmsa.dot.gov](https://npms.phmsa.dot.gov) or by contacting one of our representatives at 1-888-293-7867.

— Vector Pipeline



**24-hour emergency number:**  
**1-888-427-7777**

If you have a non-emergency question regarding Vector Pipeline's Damage Prevention Program, Integrity Management Program or operations in your area, you can call Public Awareness at **1-888-293-7867** or email [uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com](mailto:uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com).

- **Land and ROW hotline**  
1-855-869-8261
- **Email**  
[uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com](mailto:uspublicawareness@vector-pipeline.com)
- **Website**  
[vector-pipeline.com](https://vector-pipeline.com)
- **Facebook**  
[facebook.com/enbridge](https://facebook.com/enbridge)

# Critical safety information



**Risk:** Ignoring the critical safety information below could create additional hazards for the public, responders and the environment.

## Recognizing a pipeline leak

In the unlikely event of a pipeline leak, one or any combination of the items listed below on or near the ROW can typically help you recognize a leak.



### You might see:

- Dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown into the air
- Flames, if gas is ignited
- A white vapor stream or mist-like cloud
- Unexpected frost buildup on the ground
- Dead or dying vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Continuous bubbling in wet areas or at a pond, creek or river



### You might hear:

- An unusual roaring, blowing, hissing or loud whistling sound



### You might smell:

- Odorized pipelines: An unusual sulfur or rotten egg odor
- Unodorized pipelines: A slight smell similar to diesel fuel or oil

## What NOT to do during an emergency response



**Do not operate pipeline valves or extinguish any pipeline fires.** Doing so may prolong or worsen an incident, or even cause another leak in the pipeline. Our control center personnel can close some valves automatically, while trained employees must manually close others.



**Do not create a spark.** Possible ignition sources include smoking materials, open flames, light switches, telephones, cell phones, pagers, flashlights, keyless entry remotes, motor vehicles and other electronic devices.



**Do not enter a Vector Pipeline facility without permission.** If a fire occurs at one of our facilities, unless lives are at risk, we ask that fire crews stay outside of the property.

## Steps for a safe response

1

Abandon any mechanized equipment and ignition sources in the suspected leak's vicinity.

2

Secure the site and determine a plan to evacuate or shelter in place.

3

Monitor for hazardous atmospheres.

4

Control and redirect traffic.

5

Provide immediate access to Vector Pipeline representatives.

6

Implement your local emergency plan.

In the event of a pipeline emergency, we will work with emergency responders to resolve the situation safely and effectively.