

Partnering With the Public for Pipeline Safety

With the return of warm weather, people in the Northeast are preparing for outdoor projects, large and small. Whether you're working on your own land or working for an excavator, you can help us keep our pipeline safe while working outdoors by...

Calling Before You Dig

Accidental damage during excavation poses the greatest risk to underground pipelines. Anyone who breaks the surface of the ground with power tools is considered an excavator, and New York and Connecticut law requires all excavators to notify Call Before You Dig (in Connecticut) or Dig Safely New York (in New York) two business days before digging.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
Connecticut 800-922-4455
New York State 800-962-7962
Long Island and NY City 800-272-4480
Nationwide: 811 (beginning 4/13/2007)

IROQUOIS EMERGENCY HOTLINE
800-888-3982

There is no charge for this service, and failure to comply with the law can both jeopardize public safety and result in costly damage and substantial fines for the excavator.

Reporting Damage

If you become aware of damage, or if you suspect you have caused harm to the pipeline while digging, notify Iroquois right away. Any damage,

including a gouge, scrape, dent, crease, or coating injury—even if it appears to be minor—may lead to a future leak or failure, so it is imperative that Iroquois inspect and repair the problem.

Identifying a Possible Leak

Most people associate a “rotten egg” odor with a gas leak, and they’re correct—typically, odorant is added to natural gas (which is colorless and odorless) to make a leak easily recognizable by its distinct smell. Sight and sound are also senses used to detect a gas leak. If you notice any of the following in the vicinity of a natural gas pipeline on or near your property, call Iroquois’ emergency hotline immediately:

- Dust cloud, mist, or fog
- Bubbles in standing water
- Vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason
- Roaring, hissing, or whistling

Responding to a Leak

Reacting to a gas leak requires fast thinking. Evacuate the area immediately and don’t turn anything on or off—flicking a switch could ignite the gas. Call your local emergency responders if you suspect a gas leak, and call Iroquois at 1-800-888-3982. Alert everyone on the premises, and keep the public and traffic away.

For More Information

Read our free booklet, *Guidelines for Landowners, Developers, and Contractors* for more information

about digging near the Iroquois pipeline. Also available is the in-depth brochure, “An Important Safety Message for Contractors and Excavators.” Both may be downloaded from www.iroquois.com. Or contact Paul Amato, Director of Field Operations and Right-of-Way, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, CT 06484, 203-925-7267, paul_amato@iroquois.com.



Building a strong partnership with emergency responders in our host communities increases the public’s safety. Quaker Street Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) in Duanesberg, NY, is a first responder to the Iroquois pipeline in Schenectady County. In March, Spencer Robinson, District ROW Agent, gave Iroquois’ emergency response presentation to members of Quaker Street VFD. During the meeting, Spencer presented Russel Mahar, Fire Commissioner for Quaker Street VFD, with an Incident Command Post Kit. The ICP kit was provided through a grant from Iroquois’ ROW Department.

Have you moved? Sold your property? Rented to a new tenant? Please notify us so we may update our records:

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., Change of Address Notification, Right of Way Department, One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, CT 06484. You may also use our toll-free Landowner Hotline at 1-800-253-5152, option 2. Please speak clearly and include your old and new addresses and a contact number.

Protecting High Consequence Areas

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires pipeline operators to evaluate their pipelines and protect the public in High Consequence Areas. Iroquois created its Integrity Management Program to ensure our neighbors' safety.

Identifying HCAs

High Consequence Areas, also known as HCAs, dot the length of Iroquois' 414-mile pipeline route. A *High Consequence Area*, according to the DOT, is the zone within a potential impact circle containing 20 or more buildings intended for human occupancy or an *Identified Site*. An *Identified Site* means each of the following areas:

- An outside area or open structure that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least 50 days in any 12-month period
- A building that is occupied by 20 or more persons on at least 5 days a week for 10 weeks in any 12-month period
- A facility occupied by persons who are confined, are of impaired mobility, or would be difficult to evacuate

Iroquois employed a number of methods to identify HCAs to meet the Department of Transportation's (DOT) mandate, including reviewing aerial photography, sending questionnaires to emergency response officials, reviewing business registrations, and searching data warehouses.

Early Detection is Key

Our Integrity Management Program focuses on detecting potential issues (or areas of concern) as soon as possible. In addition to participating in one-call systems:

- Technicians walk the land sections of the pipeline with hydrocarbon sniffers to detect underground leakage.

- Pilots and Technicians perform aerial or ground surveillance of the pipeline right-of-way to spot disturbance or activity near the pipeline by third parties
- Technicians monitor our cathodic protection system to be sure the system is operating properly and protecting the pipeline from corrosion
- Skilled industry experts perform periodic internal inspections of our pipeline, which help us detect metal loss, dents, or deformation from outside sources.

Our Engineering Services department evaluates information from all these surveys to determine if remedial action is required.

For Further Information

Iroquois' continued emphasis on operational safety, ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and regular inspections of the right-of-way ensures we are in compliance with the DOT's safety initiatives. *If you would like further information on the High Consequence Areas in your location or the steps taken to ensure the continued safe operation of the Iroquois pipeline, contact Brian Wolf, Manager, Engineering Services, 203-944-7021, brian_wolf@iroquois.com.*

Sample HCAs

- Beaches, playgrounds
- Recreational facilities, including those near a body of water
- Camping facilities, 4-H facilities
- Religious facilities
- Areas outside a rural building, such as a religious facility
- Office buildings, community centers
- Hospitals, prisons
- Schools, daycare facilities
- Outdoor theatres, stadiums
- Roller-skating rinks
- Retirement facilities, assisted-living facilities

ROW Work Planned

This spring and throughout the year Iroquois will continue to monitor the reliability and integrity of its pipeline system. As they do every year, field crews will conduct cathodic protection and pipeline integrity surveys along Iroquois' right-of-way. These activities are part of our ongoing effort to ensure the safety of our pipeline system. We anticipate this work may be conducted in several phases. All Iroquois field crews will carry identification authorizing their presence on our right-of-way. Please contact your ROW representative if you have any questions or require additional information.

Northern New York

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St. Lawrence County: Waddington, Lisbon, Canton, DeKalb, Hermon, Edwards, Pitcairn

Lewis County: Diana, Croghan, New Bremen, Watson, Greig, Turin, West Turin, Leyden

Oneida County: Boonville, Remsen, Trenton

Herkimer County: Russia, Cold Brook, Newport, Norway, Fairfield, Salisbury, Manheim, Danube.

Montgomery County: Minden, Canajoharie, Root, Charleston

Southern NY, Connecticut & Long Island

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Schoharie County: Carlisle, Esperance, Schoharie, Wright
Schenectady County: Duanesburg
Albany County: Knox, Berne, Westerlo

Greene County: Greenville, New Baltimore, Cossackie, Athens

Columbia County: Greenport, Livingston, Clermont

Dutchess County: Milan, Clinton, Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Union Vale, Dover

Connecticut: Sherman, New Milford, Brookfield, Newtown, Monroe, Shelton, Stratford, Milford

Long Island: Huntington, Smithtown
Bronx: Hunts Point