

iroquois report

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ROW Agents Vital Link to Landowners

Right of Way Agents are the professionals who secure the land, whether by lease or purchase, on which facilities are built—meter stations, compressor stations, or the pipeline itself. Without their unique combination of expertise, projects like these would have a much harder time getting off the ground.

Iroquois' right of way agents have been with us from the beginning and are intimately familiar with their territory today. And it's a lot of territory. The Iroquois pipeline traverses 377 miles from its start at the Canadian border near Waddington, New York, through western Connecticut, to its terminus in Commack, NY, and from Huntington to the Bronx.

"When I came to work for Iroquois, we did not own one inch of right-of-way," Arthur "Butch" Rossetti, Manager, Right of Way Department says. "We didn't even have a final pipeline route or FERC certificate to build the pipeline."

It was the same for our other ROW agents—Spencer Robinson, Phil McDonald, and Hubert Harrell. Hubert retired this October, but he led the ROW Department for 13 years.

What does a ROW Agent do?

Before the pipeline could be built, our ROW agents had a lot of work in the trenches: preparing line lists for right of way acquisition, assisting with community information seminars in preparing to obtain our project license, obtaining survey permits and archeology/environmental investigation permits,

acquiring right-of-way. Many of those responsibilities remain today:

- Maintain contact with landowners
- Keep right-of-way landowner list up-to-date
- Stay in touch with state, regional, and local officials
- Notify landowners and local emergency officials prior to planned gas releases
- Act as front-line observer of encroachments on the right-of-way
- Investigate reports of right-of-way intrusion
- Clear work with landowners prior to entering property
- Assist Maintenance & Operations with any work on the right-of-way that involves right-of-way disturbance
- Assist Maintenance & Operations with access to environmentally sensitive areas
- Organize and conduct emergency response meetings
- Negotiate and settle damages when there is a landowner complaint
- Give expert testimony if Iroquois goes to court
- Negotiate taxes along the pipeline
- Represent Iroquois on one-call boards
- Assist in siting new facilities
- Check all valves and buildings when the Department of Homeland Security raises the Nation's threat level to Orange

Emergency Responder meetings

Once a year, Iroquois invites emergency responders in each town and county along our right of way to an informational meeting. At these meetings, our agents show a detailed videotape that tells the properties of natural gas, how we at Iroquois run our system, and

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Meet our Agents



Arthur "Butch" Rossetti
Butch joined Iroquois in June of 1990, working with engineering and surveying, contacting the landowners and getting permission to survey so

we could establish the final route. This past October, Butch was named Manager, Right of Way Department, successor to Hubert Harrell, another Iroquois long-timer.

Long Island/Bronx District, One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, CT 06484, (203) 925-7200.

Communities Covered: Long Island: Huntington, Smithtown. Bronx: Hunts Point.

Phil McDonald

Phil has worked with utilities in New York for the past 27 years. He joined Iroquois in April 1989, obtaining permits, meeting with landowners to negotiate easements and acquisitions, and overseeing agricultural restoration to maintain good relations with our landowners, among other things. Phil represents Iroquois in two Dig Safe New York Damage Prevention Councils, serving as Secretary for one of them. He also represents the company on Lewis County's Local Emergency Planning Committee and Lewis County's Chamber of Commerce.



Northern New York District, 7267 Old State Road, Croghan, NY 13327, (315) 346-1615.

Communities Covered: 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

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Emergency Responder Training

Safety is fundamental to Iroquois' operations and Iroquois values the relationships it has built with the emergency responders along our pipeline.

They play an important role in our safety program. We take seriously the responsibility of ensuring that they are familiar with our facilities and know what is expected of them in the event they are ever called for assistance.

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Croghan firefighters toured the station in October.



Above and beyond the informational meetings for emergency responders, as part of Iroquois' Public Awareness Program, training sessions are held at our compressor stations for the fire departments that serve communities in which they are located. With the 2004 commissioning of two new compressor stations in Boonville and Dover, New York, as well as an addition to our Croghan, NY station, Iroquois invited the local fire departments of these communities for a tour and training session.

During these well-attended meetings, the responders were provided with information on the facility layout, operations, safety features, and the systems used to ensure the integrity of our pipeline.

We appreciate the time the emergency responders take to come tour our facilities, and we respect their commitment to ensuring the safety of their communities. We would be pleased to provide individual meetings for any emergency response departments within our pipeline communities. For more information, please contact Butch Rossetti, ROW Manager, at 800-253-5152.

Dover firefighters view the turbine unit during their tour in May.



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what the first responders should do in the event of an emergency. All emergency responders are invited and encouraged to attend.

The meetings are conducted on a county-by-county basis, and Iroquois holds them individually and in partnership with other utilities if they are in the same area. Our agents are also available to come out for special meetings if a community requests it.

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Brook, Newport, Norway, Fairfield, Salisbury, Manheim, Danube. Montgomery County: Minden, Canajoharie, Root, Charleston.



Spencer Robinson
Spencer is a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley. He's been with Iroquois since 1990, serving first as a surveyor, then as a project leader before assuming his role as

District Right of Way Agent. Spencer is a professional land surveyor and his district encompasses southern New York and Connecticut.

Southern New York/Connecticut District, 915 Schoharie Turnpike, Athens, NY 12015, (518) 945-2685.

Communities Covered: Schoharie County: Carlisle, Esperance, Schoharie, Wright. Schenectady County: Duaneburg. Albany County: Knox, Berne, Westerlo. Greene County: Greenville, New Baltimore, Coxsackie, 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.

2005 Calendars Available. Every year, Iroquois creates a calendar that celebrates our host communities with photographs taken along our right-of-way. This year's calendar features the photographic talents of Jim Herity and Nancy Ann Dawe and was designed by Cole Design Group (www.coledesigngroup.com). If you'd like a complimentary calendar, contact Ann Wheeler at 203-925-7207.

