

Creating Awareness for Pipeline Safety

Providing valuable safety information to all our pipeline stakeholders – landowners, public officials and local emergency responders – is an essential part of Iroquois' Public Awareness Program. Every Spring, Iroquois produces this newsletter to create awareness of our pipeline and inform our neighbors as to how we can partner together in pipeline safety.

Hazard Awareness and Prevention

Iroquois operates a 416-mile natural gas transmission pipeline. Natural gas transmission pipelines are considered to be one of the safest and most secure methods of transportation.

However, as with all forms of energy, natural gas must be handled properly. Iroquois works diligently to ensure the safety of our pipeline through a variety of measures including:

- Participation in One-Call and Dig-Safe programs
- Integrity management
- Public education
- Pipeline markers and facility mapping
- Communication and coordination with city and municipal agencies
- Security measures



Help Prevent Pipeline Damage

The greatest risk for pipeline damage is unintentional third party intrusion or excavation. Being aware of the presence of the pipeline, and use of the One-Call notification system, are paramount to avoiding such a situation. Ways you can help include:

- Call 811 or your local one-call center at least two full working days before you start digging.
- Report unauthorized excavation or suspicious activity at any pipeline facility to 800-888-3982.
- Notify Iroquois immediately if you become aware of or suspect you have caused damage to the pipeline. It is

imperative that Iroquois inspect or repair (if necessary) the problem as any damage, even if it appears to be minor, may lead to a future leak or failure.

Leak Recognition and Response

A natural gas leak is usually recognized by smell, sight or sound.

SMELL: Natural gas is colorless and odorless. Typically, a distinct and recognizable odorant is added to natural gas so that people detect and recognize it immediately.

SIGHT: A dust cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water, or vegetation that appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.

SOUND: An unusual noise like roaring, hissing or whistling.

If you suspect a leak:

MOVE to a safe location.

CALL local emergency responders at 911 and Iroquois' Gas Control at 800-888-3982.

DO NOT strike a match, use land or cell phones, operate engines and motors, switch lights or appliances

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Iroquois Appoints New President

On March 6, 2013, **Jeffrey A. Bruner** was named President of the Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company, taking over the top leadership position from retiring president Jay Holm. Jeff has a long history with the company having joined Iroquois in 1992. He held the position of Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary prior to being promoted to President.

"I am pleased to assume the leadership of Iroquois, a company that has been well-positioned under Jay Holm"



L to R: Scott Rupff, Michelle Wieler, Jeff Bruner and Paul Amato

said Bruner. "I look forward to leading this strong, growth-oriented company in continuing Iroquois'

promise to provide delivery of a safe, cost-effective and reliable energy supply to the Northeast."

Jeff's executive management team includes:

Scott E. Rupff, Vice President, Marketing, Development & Commercial Operations;

Paul R. Amato, Vice President, Engineering and Operations; and

Michelle Wieler, Treasurer and Director, Financial Services.

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on/off, or even turn on a flashlight in the area where you smell gas. These items can produce sparks that might ignite the gas and cause an explosion.

What Emergency Personnel should do if they suspect a gas leak:

SECURE the site and take steps to eliminate ignition sources.

EVACUATE the general public from the vicinity of the leak.

CONTROL secondary fires.

DO NOT try to extinguish a gas burning fire unless there is a threat to life.

CONTACT Iroquois at 800-888-3982.



Emergency responders attend on-site training at Iroquois' Stratford, CT Meter Station

Emergency Responder Training

Iroquois provides training and maintains a continuing relationship with emergency responders and local officials within our pipeline communities to prevent and prepare for

emergencies. For those interested in scheduling a safety presentation, or participating in an on-site training, please contact Spencer Robinson at 518-945-2685 ext 226.

Right-of-Way Work Planned

As occurs every year, Iroquois field personnel will conduct cathodic protection and pipeline integrity surveys along Iroquois' right-of-way. 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 the ROW representative listed below should you have any questions or require additional information.

2013 PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- In early Spring technicians will walk along the pipeline route with detectors checking for leaks as part of our Annual Leak and Test Lead Post Survey.
- In late August mowing activities in upstate New York and Long Island are scheduled to begin.
- In the Fall technicians will walk the pipeline in upstate New York taking voltage readings as part of the Close Interval Survey (CIS).
- Technicians will be installing additional pipeline markers in upstate New York.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Gas Emergencies: 1-800-888-3982

Landowners' Hotline

Non-Emergency: 1-800-253-5152

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Safe Operations & System Reliability

Iroquois' Integrity Management Program focuses on detecting potential issues as soon as possible.

The importance Iroquois places on safe operations and system reliability is reflected in the use of current technology – not only for our upgrades and expansions, but also in our on-going integrity monitoring program which focuses on detecting potential issues (or areas of concern) as soon as possible. Iroquois' program, in compliance with the safety initiatives of the U.S. Department of Transportation, currently includes the following activities:

- 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 sources to determine if remedial action is required. Extra measures are taken to protect zones considered to be High Consequence Areas (HCA) such as hospitals, schools, prisons, playgrounds and religious facilities.



Call Before You Dig Numbers

Nationwide: 811
New York State: 1-800-962-7962
Connecticut: 1-800-922-4455
Long Island & NYC: 1-800-272-4480