

## Iroquois Field Technicians Honored by Damage Prevention Councils

Two members of Iroquois' Field Operations team were honored recently at Dig Safely New York's Annual Meeting for their outstanding service and significant contributions to DSNY's Damage Prevention Councils. Brian Sydow, Area Manager at Iroquois' Wright, NY facility, was honored by the Capital Region DPC; and John Cieslak, Senior Field Technician at Iroquois' Croghan, NY facility, was honored by the Northeast DPC. Congratulations to Brian and John for going above and beyond in your efforts to promote damage prevention.

Iroquois maintains membership and is actively involved on many state and national organizations focused on the damage prevention of underground utilities -- such as Common Ground Alliance (CGA), creators of the



John Cieslak (left) and Brian Sydow are honored at DSNY awards ceremony held on April 7, 2016.

nationwide 811 Call Before You Dig number. Our field personnel work closely with these groups and serve as representatives on the boards of DSNY's Damage Prevention Councils of the Northeast, Capital Region, Central New York, Mohawk Valley

and Hudson Valley; DigNet of Long Island and New York City; NY811; and Call Before You Dig (CBYD) Connecticut.



### 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

## Right-of-Way Activities Planned for 2016

As occurs every year, Iroquois will conduct its 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 and contractors will carry identification authorizing their presence on our Right-of-Way. Please contact the ROW representative listed should you have any questions or require additional information.

### 2016 PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- In Spring, an internal inspection will be conducted on upstate New York segments of the pipeline. Surveyors will flag way-points along the route for mapping and tracking of the inspection tool.
- Spring to early Summer, Iroquois contractors will walk along the pipeline route with portable leak detectors checking for gas leaks as

part of our Annual Leak Survey. At the same time, we will conduct our annual Test Lead Post Survey verifying the effectiveness of our cathodic protection system.

- A Direct Current Voltage Gradient (DCVG) Survey will be conducted in some areas of Connecticut to provide a detailed cathodic protection system assessment. This survey will be followed up by investigation digs to validate the data and provide direct assessment of the pipeline.
- In late August, mowing activities will begin in upstate New York.
- In the Fall, calibration digs will be done to verify data obtained from the internal inspection device with actual measurements.
- Additional rectifiers will be installed where needed to provide additional cathodic protection to the pipeline. Currently there are plans to add 3 of these types of facilities: two in upstate

New York and one in Connecticut.

- In mid-Summer, Iroquois will be installing a launcher and receiver on its 36" loop line in Newtown, CT in preparation for future internal pipeline inspections. The installation of these facilities supports our commitment to safety and will allow us to internally inspect all of our pipeline system.

Visit our website at [www.iroquois.com](http://www.iroquois.com) News/Maintenance Activities for further information on planned activities.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Gas Emergencies: 1-800-888-3982**

Landowners' Hotline

Non-Emergency: 1-800-253-5152

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# 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:



Spence Robinson represents IGTS at a Dig Safe seminar

- 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 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 Preparedness

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 attending a safety presentation, please contact our Right-of-Way Manager Spencer Robinson.

# 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 that 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 that 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.

For additional information on High Consequence Areas located in your community, contact Mike Kinik, Director, Engineering Services, 203-925-7223 or michael\_kinik@iroquois.com.