

## **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF DANVILLE PUBLIC AWARENESS**

### **Description of purpose and reliability of the pipeline**

The purpose of the pipeline is to ensure natural gas service<sup>3</sup> to our customers. The pipeline was installed at the time the housing development was built. All pipelines were installed in accordance with the natural gas supplier at the time of installation. Upgrades have been made to the pipelines located at McIntyre Circle (KY14-01), Bate-Wood (14-02), Crescent Drive (KY14-03), Bate-Wood (KY14-04)—these were done in 1985.

### **An overview of the hazards of the pipeline and prevention**

Moore's Pipeline Corrosion Service has a contract with the Housing Authority of Danville to conduct annual corrosion tests and leak surveys. In addition to the annual service, the maintenance staff participated in bi-annual training on recognizing, responding to and eliminating pipeline hazards. The staff is responsible for conducting odorant tests and patrolling of the lines. These activities are performed every four months and are documented by workorders.

The Housing Authority of Danville is a member of Kentucky Underground, also known as Kentucky 811. All persons needing to dig on the Housing Authority property are required to call the 811 number. Notification of the dig request is received by the Housing Authority. Only after lines have been located is approval given for the dig.

As a member of the US Department of Transportation **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials** Safety Administration, this agency requires that the Housing Authority of Danville have an emergency plan in effect and requires annual maintenance on the pipeline system. This servicing is documented and monitored by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

### **Digging near a Pipeline**

As a resident, the Housing Authority needs your help and cooperation in preventing pipeline emergencies. Third party damage from unauthorized digging is the leading cause of pipeline incidents or leaks. Before you dig a hole on the premises, you must call the Housing Authority off at (859) 236-6116 and 811 BUD (Before U Dig).

All contractors for construction and excavation are required by law to have underground utilities marked at least two (2) working days prior to work commencing. The Kentucky 811 runs a "one-call" system and by calling all members utilities will be notified to mark their lines in the correct area.

Here are six steps to safe digging:

- Call 811 and the office before you dig
- Do not dig before waiting the required 48 hours for marking
- Respect the marks. Pipeline markers indicate there is a line in the area. They do not indicate the specific location of the pipeline.
- Do not make unauthorized use of pipeline right-of-ways.
- Dig with care. Hand dig and probe until the pipeline is exposed. Do not use power equipment around gas lines.
- When backfilling, provide proper support for the pipeline and ensure adequate soil cover on top. Use rock-free material to protect the pipeline.

If you come in contact with a gas line while excavating, call the gas company that operates the line. We can be reached 24 hours per day at our emergency number (859-236-6128). Even minor contact such as a small dent, chip or scratch, can cause major damage down the road if not corrected immediately.

### **When it comes to detecting a gas leak, it is better to trust your senses.**

- Smell: To help you smell a natural gas leak a familiar odor like rotten eggs is added to gas.
- See: Near a gas leak you might see blowing dirt, bubbling water, or an unusual area of dead vegetation.
- Hear: A leaking pipeline might make a hissing sound you can hear.

### **If you suspect a natural gas leak, do the following:**

- Walk away. Leave the area immediately. Do not try to find or stop the leak.
- Do not do anything to create a spark, like lighting a cigarette, using a cell phone, starting a car, or turning on or off lights.
- Immediately call 911 and the Housing Authority at (859) 236-6128.

**How to get additional information:** If you need additional information, please contact this office. In the event of a pipeline emergency, call 911.