

How will Dakota Gasification Company respond to a pipeline emergency?

We will immediately dispatch personnel to the site to help handle the emergency and assist public safety officials. We will also take necessary operating action to minimize the impact of the leak. Public safety personnel and others unfamiliar with the pipeline should not attempt to operate any of the valves of the pipeline. Improper operation of the pipeline valves could make the situation worse and cause other accidents to happen.

Before You Dig



Without proper coordination, excavation near underground pipelines can result in dangerous situations. Call 811 or 1-800-795-0555 before you dig.

North Dakota state law requires that you give the pipeline company a 48 hour notice, not including your notification date,

before you begin excavation work. So, if your company does excavation work, or if you are a homeowner or farmer who digs on your property, help us prevent pipeline emergencies by contacting the North Dakota One Call Center 1-800-795-0555 or (811).



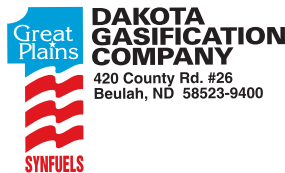
**Know what's below.
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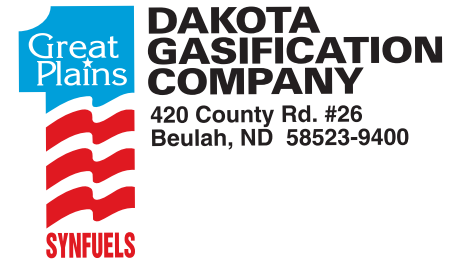
- Determine if there are pipelines in the area where you are planning excavation by calling North Dakota One Call's toll free number (1-800-759-0555) or (811).
- Wait the required amount of time (48 hours) before beginning your excavation (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).
- One of our trained technicians will mark the location and depth of the pipeline at no cost to you.
- Don't try to guess the route or location of the pipeline, even if you see the markers.

For additional information, please call:

(701) 873-6677 or visit our website at: www.dakotagas.com and go to Gas Pipeline > Pipeline Safety: http://www.dakotagas.com/Gas_Pipeline/Pipeline_Safety/index.html



Living and Working Near SNG Pipelines



A message for you about pipeline safety

Living or working near a Synthetic Natural Gas pipeline

What is in Dakota Gasification Company's SNG pipeline?

Dakota Gasification Company owns and operates a 35-mile pipeline to deliver synthetic natural gas (SNG) from its Great Plains Synfuels Plant near Beulah, ND, to the Northern Border Pipeline at the Hebron (ND) metering station.

What is synthetic natural gas?



SNG is a flammable, odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas. It is considered non-toxic. Inhalation of low concentrations can be remedied by going to an uncontaminated area and inhaling fresh air or oxygen. Effects of overexposure may include suffocation, dizziness, headache, and death.

How does Dakota Gasification Company help ensure pipeline safety?

Maintaining the safe operation of our pipeline is just as important to Dakota Gasification Company as it is to you. We help ensure pipeline safety by:

- Adhering to regulations defined by the Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
- Control center monitoring and cathodic protection.
- Encouraging you to be our eyes and ears and communicating with all persons near our pipeline right-of-way.
- Inline tool inspection every 5 years.
- Marking all pipelines with above ground warning signs and monitoring all pipelines through air or ground patrol.

How can I tell if I live or work near an SNG pipeline?

SNG pipelines are buried underground. Pipeline markers like the one shown to the left are used to mark where a pipeline's path crosses public roads, railroad crossings, and along the pipeline route at various intervals. The marker displays the material transported in the line, name of pipeline operator and the call before you dig telephone number where the operator can be reached in the event of an emergency.

For location of pipelines in your area, go to National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) website: <http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov>

What if there is an SNG pipeline on my property?

Your property plot or Title report will tell you if there is a pipeline easement on your property. Easements are written agreements that provide "right-of-way" to the pipeline company. We may periodically prune trees and vegetation on or near the pipeline right-of-way. Remember: Keep right-of-way free of buildings, structures, or other encroachments. If you would like to use the right-of-way for any purpose, please contact us at 701-873-6677.

What should I do if I disturb an SNG pipeline?

Call Dakota Gasification Company immediately. Any gouge, scrape, dent or crease to the pipe coating can cause a future leak or break. We'll need to immediately inspect and repair any damage to the pipeline.

How do I recognize a pipeline leak?

While leaks on pipelines are rare, it is important to know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in your area.



LOOK:

- For dead or dying vegetation on or near a pipeline right-of-way in an otherwise green area;
- For dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown into the air.



LISTEN:

- For a blowing or hissing sound.

What to do if you suspect a pipeline leak:

- Turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you may be operating.
- Leave the area quickly, moving up-wind and warn others to stay away.
- From a safe place, call Dakota Gasification Company toll free **1-866-747-3546** or **1-701-873-6600**.
- Call your local **911**.
- Do not attempt to extinguish a fire.

I'm a public safety official, what do I need to know?

SNG is a flammable, odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas. Observe the following precautions for any public emergency:

- Move up-wind (do not attempt to investigate the situation).
- Secure the area around the leak to a safe distance, including evacuating homes, businesses, schools and other locations, erecting barricades and taking other similar precautions.
- Prohibit smoking, reroute traffic and shut off electricity and gas.
- Contact Dakota Gasification Company as quickly as possible using the information on the pipeline marker or the phone numbers on this page. **1-701-873-6600** OR Toll Free **1-866-747-3546**. Call your local **911**.
- Do not attempt to operate any of the valves on the pipeline. This could make the situation worse or cause other accidents.