

Consolidated Gas Utility District

Gas System Public Awareness Notice

Consolidated Gas Utility District owns and operates a natural gas distribution system. The gas system consists of an underground network of pipelines in and around the Parish. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the homes and businesses adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. The pipeline system has the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas to the customers.

The hazards of natural gas are it is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:

- Adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence,
- Testing the odorant level every month,
- Performing annual gas leakage surveys, and
- Conducting periodic pipeline patrols.

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:

- ◆ A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas),
- ◆ A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route,
- ◆ Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline,
- ◆ Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas,
- ◆ A "gas smell", similar to rotten eggs.

Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the Gas District immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the Gas District. With any gas leak protect life first then property.

Pipeline markers are maintained to inform the public of the gas line location. State and federal laws require excavators to notify State One-Call Center two (2) full working days before digging. If any excavation is planned you must notify the One-Call Center which will notify the gas system to locate the gas lines. The Consolidated Gas Utility District maintains membership in the State One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue call the Consolidated Gas Utility District 318-627-3333, Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm, after hours call 318-627-3261. The State One-Call Center phone number is 811. This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public awareness and damage prevention awareness notices.