

Like You, We Care About Safety

At Spectra Energy, our job is to build and operate safe, reliable pipelines. In every community where we operate, we're responsible for ensuring the safety of our neighbors and co-workers as well as our pipeline facilities and the environment.



We achieve safe operations through a program of rigorous inspection, ongoing maintenance and continuous monitoring that enables us to effectively maintain the structural integrity of our pipelines. Every day we follow stringent procedures and practices to keep our pipelines operating safely and reliably. And, we're continually improving already effective practices to make our pipeline systems even safer.

What We Do to Keep Our Pipelines Operating Safely and Reliably

We monitor our system non-stop, around the clock from our gas control centers and:

- Constantly analyze natural gas flows, pressures and temperatures to monitor for any potential issues
- Sample the natural gas to identify potentially corrosive components
- Use block valves and remote control valves located at strategic points along our system to shut off gas flow

We conduct regularly scheduled field surveys and:

- Walk and drive the pipeline right-of-way in key areas to monitor for leaks and other potential issues
- Fly aerial patrols up to several times a week to visually inspect the pipeline right-of-way to look for construction and excavation activities, as well as ground changes

We verify the structural integrity of our pipelines by:

- Conducting annual corrosion inspections
- Cleaning our pipelines to minimize internal corrosion
- Using inline inspection tools ("smart pigs") to examine the inside of the pipe and locate potential irregularities
- Reviewing conditions around the outside of the pipe through direct assessment

We carefully maintain our pipeline right-of-way by:

- Clearly marking its location at significantly visible points so it's apparent to the public and anyone who might consider excavation in the area
- Keeping it mowed and cleared so we're able to effectively patrol the area

We build the highest quality pipelines and:

- Utilize high-strength manufactured carbon steel that often exceeds federal regulations
- Employ the most advanced welding techniques to join the pipe sections
- Coat the pipeline to waterproof seal and prevent corrosion
- Use cathodic protection technology that applies a low-voltage current to the pipeline surface to prevent corrosion
- Conduct hydrostatic tests which involve filling the pipe with water and pressurizing it to a point higher than the maximum pressure at which the pipe will ever be operated

We are prepared on multiple levels because we:

- React immediately to equipment issues and can quickly dispatch our employees who live along the pipeline
- Participate in emergency preparedness training with local public safety agencies
- Review our integrity management and related safety programs, at a minimum, annually, and quickly implement any identified improvements
- Participate in robust state One-Call damage prevention programs
- Require a Spectra Energy representative to locate and mark our facilities and be on site to monitor any type of excavation to prevent third-party damage

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