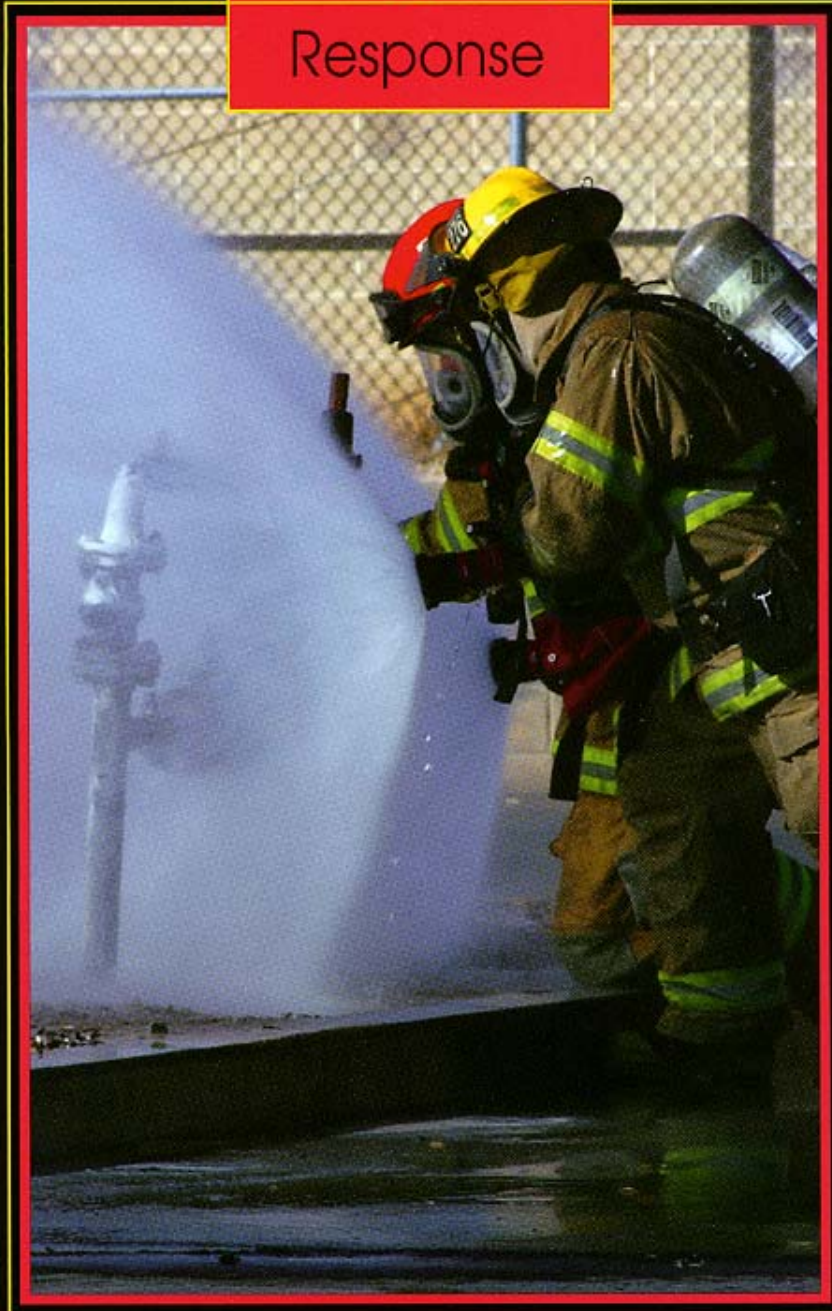


Pipeline
Safety
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Emergency
Response



America's Pipelines...

Delivering the
Energy You Need
for the Life
You Want

The security and economic progress of our communities and nation depend upon reliable pipeline systems that supply military installations, homes and businesses in every state, while fueling economic output and jobs critical to our nation's growth and prosperity.

There are over two million miles of petroleum and natural gas pipelines throughout the United States. Pipelines have an outstanding safety record, especially when compared to other modes of transportation.



our
commitment
to safety



Pipelines are designed and constructed with safety in mind. They are able to carry large volumes of products at high pressures and have been constructed with special coatings to reduce rust and corrosion. Pipelines are monitored by highly trained personnel to insure top performance.

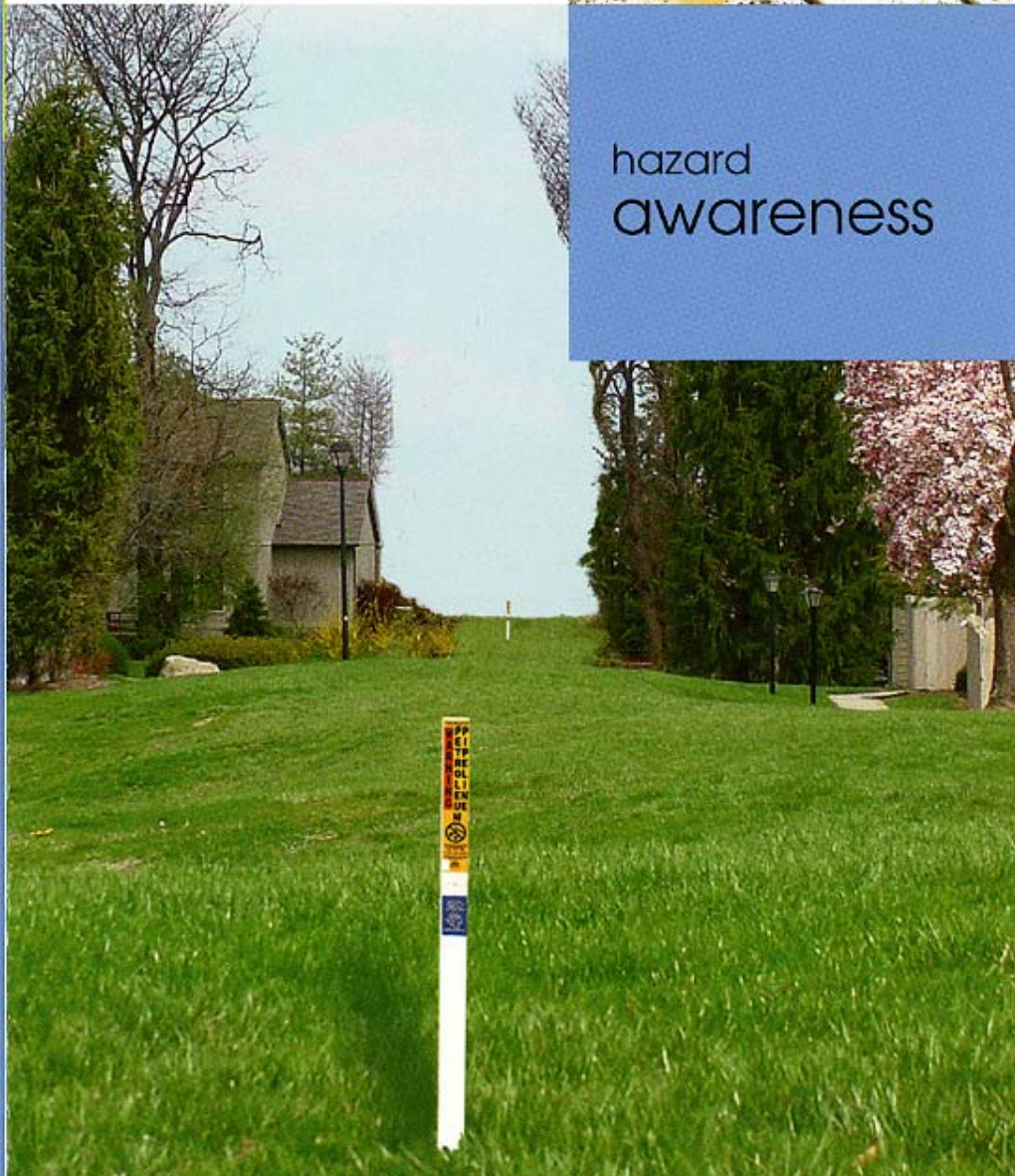
Pipeline companies provide emergency response training for their employees and coordinate with local emergency response personnel. All pipeline companies develop and administer comprehensive integrity management programs. Contact the pipeline operators in your area to obtain a summary of their integrity management program.

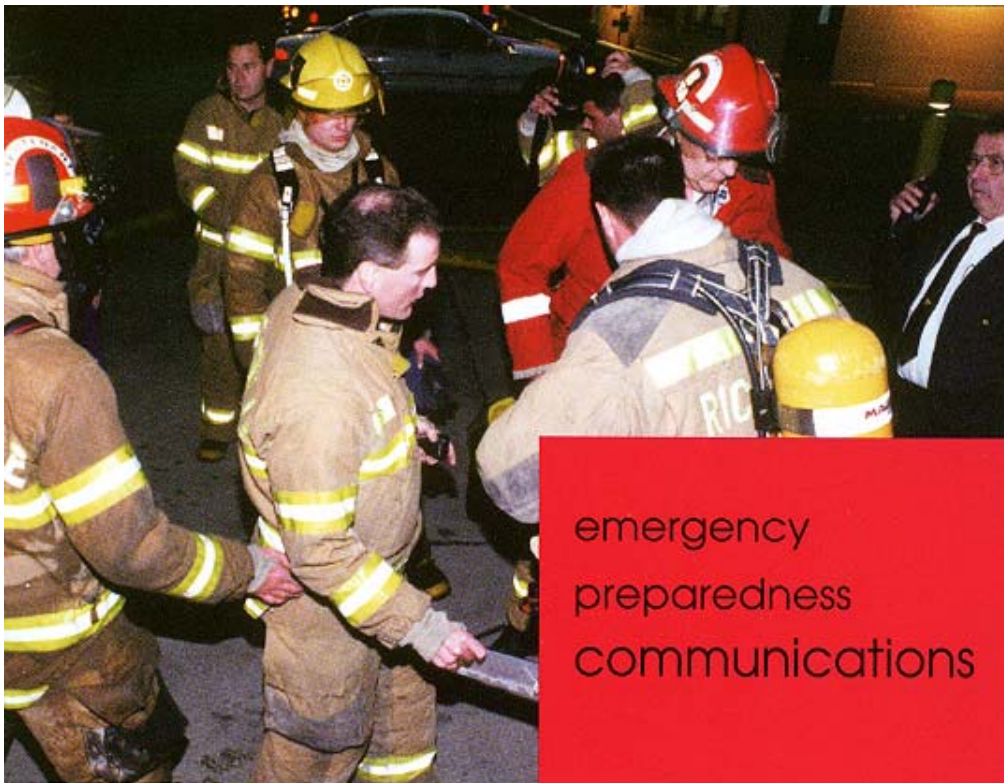
Meeting and exceeding local, state and federal regulations has become the industry safety standard in Ohio to insure the safe efficient movement of pipeline products.

The potential impacts of a pipeline emergency include fire, injury, environmental damage, monetary loss, etc. You can use your three senses, sight, sound and smell to identify potential hazards. Look for unusual ground color, dead vegetation, pool of liquid on the ground, rainbow sheen on water, vapor clouds or frost. You should listen for a loud high-pitched whistle or roar. The smell of gasoline or diesel fuel may also be an indication of a pipeline release. Although natural gas is odorless, local distribution companies add an odorant to the gas to give it the distinctive, repugnant smell familiar to most of us. If you hear, see or smell anything that you suspect may be a leak, don't try to investigate the situation on your own. Leave the area immediately and call for assistance. Markers (like the one pictured below) indicate the approximate location of a high pressure underground pipeline.



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Public safety and environmental protection are the top priorities in any pipeline emergency response. For this reason, emergency preparedness is essential.

Pipeline companies are required to have emergency response plans. These plans are developed for use internally and externally, with appropriate officials, and are in accordance with federal and state regulations. To access each individual company's emergency response plan, you must contact that company directly. **For a current list of emergency numbers for operators in Ohio, visit www.oups.org.**

Emergency response organizations should also develop an emergency response plan. Pipeline emergencies are handled safely and effectively when responders are dependent on a predetermined and approved system for managing the event. Once a plan is in place, emergency response officials should practice hands-on drills or exercises with operators to assure that the plan can be performed effectively.