

LEACH XPRESS PROJECT Landowner Update



APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

With spring finally here, many homeowners are heading outdoors to begin home improvement projects, possibly planting trees or putting in a new deck. But before you grab your shovel, federal and state law requires that you call 811 at least 48 – 72 hours in advance to have your utility lines marked, including pipelines.

Failing to call before you dig, even for small projects, can result in harm to you and those around you; disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and possibly leave you responsible for fines and repair costs.

To increase awareness about the importance of mapping utility lines before digging, April has been designated as National Safe Digging Month. In April, and throughout the year, Columbia encourages landowners and excavators to call 811 before digging or crossing pipeline right-of-ways with heavy equipment.

Following your call to 811, we will come and mark the location of our pipeline and rights-of-way and review our construction guidelines. This is a free service to ensure safety for you, your neighbors and the integrity of our pipelines.

If you do dig and expose, hit or touch a pipeline or associated facility, contact us immediately. Even a seemingly minor gouge or scrape could result in a future safety problem. If gas is leaking from the pipeline, call 911 or your local fire department.

Learn more about Call Before You Dig programs in your state:

Ohio: www.oups.org

Pennsylvania: www.paonecall.org

West Virginia: www.wv811.com

NEW LOGO FOR OUR NEW COMPANY



company in mid-2015.

Last year, Columbia Pipeline Group announced that it would be separating from its parent company, NiSource, Inc., and forming its own publicly traded

As part of our transition into an independent natural gas pipeline, storage and midstream company, we recently introduced a new logo for Columbia Pipeline Group and our divisions, including Columbia Gas Transmission.

The three-star design on a navy blue field is a variation upon an earlier Columbia logo from nearly a century ago. The stars symbolize our employees, our customers and our shareholders. In addition to being incorporated into the Landowner Update newsletter, you will also begin to see the logo on future materials from Columbia Gas Transmission.



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FERC PROJECT TRACKING

You are invited to follow the Leach XPress project through the FERC process by visiting the agency's "electronic library" online at ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp and searching for docket number PF14-23.

We also strongly encourage you to download and read FERC's citizen's guide book called "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?" You can obtain a copy online at ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides.asp.

If you prefer to receive a copy by mail, please contact one of our project team members.

YOUR SOURCE FOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Columbia's project team is available to answer your questions and understand your concerns.

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FERC PROJECT SCOPING MEETINGS

Thank you to all the landowners who attended the recent scoping meetings hosted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the primary regulatory agency overseeing the Leach XPress project. We appreciate your participation in FERC's environmental review process and for sharing your questions and concerns with us about the Leach XPress project.

If you were unable to attend one of the meetings, you can submit comments directly to FERC through the agency's website. We also encourage you to contact one of our project team members if you have any questions or need assistance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should landowners expect when survey crews arrive?

Biological and cultural survey crews will wear personal protective equipment, including reflective vests, hard hats, steel-toe boots and safety glasses. During a majority of the surveys, crews will be wearing t-shirts that have the Columbia logo and the name of the project on the sleeve.

All survey personnel will have an ID badge listing their name, contractor company name, project name and contact information. Additionally, the crews will be carrying shovels to conduct required soil tests and be equipped with GPS units. All environmental and cultural crews conduct field surveys by walking the survey area. However, wheeled or motorized vehicles may be used.

What size of area will the environmental survey crew assess?

Generally, the survey area consists of a 400-foot-wide corridor centered on the proposed pipeline route. If the pipeline is to be co-located alongside an existing pipeline, the 400-foot survey corridor may be adjusted to include 100 feet on the co-located side (pipeline side) of the proposed pipeline and 300 feet on the opposite side. The corridor does not indicate the width of the project's proposed impacts, but is larger so that data can be obtained outside and adjacent to proposed workspaces.

ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS PLANNED FOR 2015

Columbia Gas Transmission pipeline projects are designed and constructed to minimize the use of and impact to natural resources. Before launching a project, we conduct extensive environmental surveys of the landscape to ensure that we avoid sensitive areas.

For the proposed Leach XPress pipeline, we surveyed many landowner properties in the summer and fall of 2014. With the return of warmer weather, we'll begin surveying property within and adjacent to the project footprint once again. Typically, we conduct two types of environmental surveys — biological and cultural.

Biological Surveys

Survey crews include biologists who evaluate a variety of environmental resources within the vicinity of a project, including wetlands, bodies of water, endangered species and land use. Field surveys are also completed to determine if federally listed threatened or endangered species could potentially inhabit or traverse the project area.

Cultural Surveys

Survey crews include archaeologists who evaluate the presence or absence of historic and prehistoric objects, structures or sites. If necessary, the archaeologists may conduct a "shovel test" where they dig small holes to examine the soil for artifacts. If any artifacts are found, they will be collected and taken off-site for analysis, in accordance with the applicable federal and state regulations. After the shovel test, the hole is filled in and packed down.

To learn more about our field surveys, please review the Frequently Asked Questions. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact one of our project team members listed on the front of this newsletter.

Right-of-Way Maintenance for Existing Columbia Pipelines

If you are a landowner along the existing right-of-way for the R-501, R-601 and R-701 pipelines, we want to inform you that we will be conducting maintenance along these lines during the spring and fall. The maintenance is part of our ongoing commitment to public safety and will include the clearing of trees and brush. If you have questions about the right-of-way maintenance, call Jim Scott at 740-746-2234. For all other inquiries, contact representatives listed on front of newsletter.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF PIPELINE COMPANY

Columbia Gas Transmission is a well-known, established energy company in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Unlike other energy companies that have recently begun operating in this area, Columbia and its employees have been safely and reliably serving the region for decades – and we plan to continue that service for years to come.

Columbia is committed to building longstanding relationships with landowners throughout our service territory. Our pledge to you is to be transparent, fair and flexible as we work together to create a suitable pipeline easement agreement.

We will not forget about you or your needs after an agreement is reached. Signing an agreement with Columbia brings with it a support team of local operations professionals who will be monitoring the safety and integrity of this pipeline for as long as it is in service. Our commitment to you – and a stronger and more energy secure Appalachia – sets us apart from the others.

