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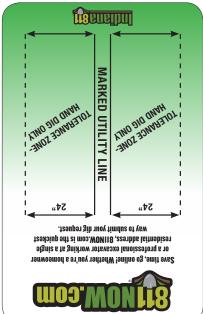
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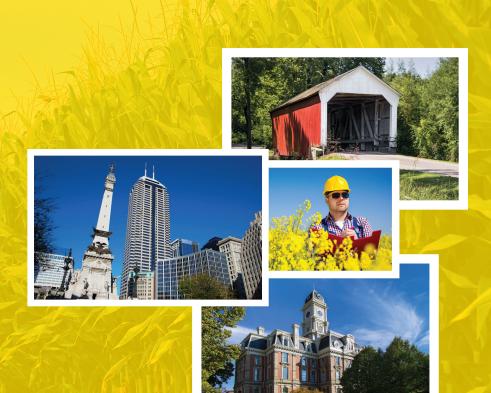
Fill out the enclosed survey and you could win a two-night package to the MIDWEST DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

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Pipeline
Damage
Prevention
is a Shared
Responsibility.

2017 UPDATE











#### CONTACT INDIANA 811 BEFORE **YOU DIG**

Professional excavators must contact Indiana 811 at least two full working days prior to their planned start date to notify member utility operators of their intent to dig.

Follow the five steps of safe digging:

- 1. Plan your project, including knowing the exact location
- 2. Contact Indiana 811 by calling 811 or visiting 811NOW.com
- 3. Wait for the marks (typically two full working days)
- 4. Confirm the marks (compare marks at dig site to list of utilities on your ticket)
- 5. Dig with care (no mechanized equipment within 24 inches of the marks)

Additional Indiana dig law information is available at Indiana811.org/excavators.



According to the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT), pipelines are the safest and most reliable method of transporting natural gas and petroleum products. The Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association (INPAA) represents all pipeline operators in the state to partner with professional excavators like you for the continued safe operation of these facilities.

US DOT data shows the leading cause of pipeline leaks is third-party excavation, meaning digging activity not performed by the pipeline operator or a direct contractor of that operator. Accidentally striking a pipeline can lead to serious injury or death, making it critical for professional excavators to follow appropriate safety procedures.

INPAA's goal is to equip you with the knowledge needed to prevent damage to pipelines and to properly recognize and then safely react if you encounter a suspected leak.

#### RECOGNIZING **A SUSPECTED LEAK**

Use your senses of sight, sound and smell to recognize a suspected leak hazard.

**SIGHT**—Natural gas is colorless, but there are some visual signs of a leak:

- Blowing dirt
- Vapor clouds
- Dead vegetation - Frozen soil/ice

For **petroleum pipelines**, look for:

- Pools of liquid
- Dense white cloud/fog above

**SOUND**—For both natural gas and petroleum, signs of a potential leak include an unusual hissing or roaring sound along the right-ofway of a pipeline.

**SMELL**—Both transmission natural gas and petroleum have a stale, unusual scent. Local natural gas distribution operators add mercaptan closer to homes and businesses, giving gas a "rotten egg" smell.

#### **WHATTO DO IF A LEAK OCCURS**

**DO** abandon all equipment and leave the leak area immediately.

**DO** remove all ignition sources (cigarettes, cell phones or anything that could create a spark or static electricity).

**DO** get to a safe location before calling 911 and the pipeline company.

**DO** warn others to stay out of the leak area.

**DO** wait for emergency responders to arrive from a safe distance.

DAMAGE **PREVENTION** is a personal decision and a shared responsibility. You are 811.



## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association **INPAA.org** 

> Indiana 811 Indiana811.org

Indiana 811 Online Tickets 811NOW.com

National Pipeline Mapping System Npms.phmsa.dot.gov

#### WHAT NOT TO DO IF A **LEAK OCCURS**

DO NOT touch, breathe or make contact with the leak or open flames. Natural gas and other petroleum products will ignite and burn. If exposed to the skin, serious irritations may occur. Escaping gases can displace oxygen, putting your ability to breathe normally at risk.

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**DO NOT** light anything that produces an open flame.

DO NOT start motor vehicles or any other electrical equipment that could produce a spark.

**DO NOT** operate any pipeline valves. Only the pipeline operator should turn off the flow of natural gas, oil or any other material transported by the pipeline.

DO NOT attempt to extinguish any fire. Instead, wait for first responders to arrive from a safe distance.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR** REMOVABLE COLOR CODE CARD

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please complete the short survey below to help us measure our programs. Complete and return this card (postage pre-paid by INPAA) postmarked by August 31, 2017 for the chance to win a two-night package to the Midwest Damage Prevention Training Conference in French Lick. Two winners will be selected and notified by phone by September 30, 2017.

1. In which ways have you received pipeline safety or 811 information in the past year? (Select all that apply.) ☐ Email

☐ Mail (other than this piece) Radio

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☐ Website ☐ Television ☐ Sports venues ☐ Other

2. How prepared do you feel to recognize a leak? O Very prepared Somewhat prepared O Very unprepared

3. How prepared do you feel to react if you suspect a leak? Very prepared

O Somewhat unprepared

O Somewhat prepared O Very unprepared

4. How likely are you to contact Indiana 811 before you dig?

O Very likely O Somewhat unlikely

 Somewhat likely O Very unlikely

5. In which of the following ways do you personally interact with the 811 process? (Select all that apply.)

☐ Contacting Indiana 811

Excavating ☐ Overseeing excavators

☐ Safety manager/director

☐ Owner/executive

First/Last Name\_

**THANK YOU!** 



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