

Beneath the Surface

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ALONG THE LINE

RAP Project Update

Alliance Pipeline and Questar Overthrust Pipeline Company have jointly proposed to develop a natural gas pipeline connecting the U.S. Rocky Mountain Region to the Chicago market hub. Over the summer, an open season was held to secure transportation contracts on the proposed pipeline. Discussions with shippers and producers are continuing to fully contract the proposed pipeline. For more information visit www.rockiesalliancepipeline.com

Pecan Pipeline Interconnect

In 2009, Alliance will be receiving the first gas from the Williston Basin area from Pecan Pipeline (North Dakota), Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of EOG Resources, Inc. The Alliance system runs through the middle of the Williston Basin and can also transport natural gas liquids, reducing the need for producers to build plants to process the gas from this area before transporting to market. The new interconnection will be near Towner, North Dakota.

For more information, please visit www.alliance-pipeline.com or call 1 (877) 733-3183.

Keeping the Pipe Safe



As part of ongoing operations and maintenance, Alliance conducts a variety of patrols and inspections of the pipeline and its right-of-way (the strip of land on either side of the buried pipe). In addition to regular aerial patrols, we are completing close interval surveys to validate the performance of our cathodic protection system (cathodic protection is a method of preventing the corrosion or deterioration of the underground pipe and maintaining the long-term integrity of the pipeline). Another form of inspection occurs within the pipeline, called In-Line Inspection (ILI). The ILI tools operate inside the pipeline to detect anomalies in the pipe wall (such as corrosion, dents, gouges, cracks) or pipe movement. The purpose of these programs is to assess the condition of the pipeline, to monitor and maintain the pipeline's integrity and to ensure it is operating safely and efficiently.



Partners in Safety

Educating stakeholders about the Alliance Pipeline system and how to work and live safely near it is essential to our operations.

We work with emergency officials in each of the 42 counties across the Alliance system to ensure we have a cooperative relationship and share critical information. Some segments along transmission pipelines are designated as high consequence areas – locations with greater population or dwellings requiring additional assistance during an emergency. These areas are identified, documented and managed through our Integrity Management Plan (IMP) for hazard assessment and prevention. For an overview of our IMP visit our website at www.alliance-pipeline.com

Alliance is a leader in the North Dakota Pipeline Association, working with the state's 21 pipeline operators on pipeline awareness and emergency preparedness. Annual face-to-face meetings provide opportunities to interact with and inform fire, police, emergency medical services, ambulance

and other emergency responders. The meetings across the state show how pipeline operators acknowledge our responsibility to educate responders about pipelines and the products they transport across the state. We discuss potential hazards, how to identify where underground utilities are located, and the importance of the North Dakota One-Call system. The meetings provide a venue to meet local pipeline representatives and review how to respond in the unlikely event of a pipeline emergency.

Damage Prevention: Our involvement with Common Ground Alliance

Alliance strives to achieve the highest level of public safety by taking measures to reduce third-party damage. Industry partners work together through membership in the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) to protect the public and the environment by keeping underground infrastructure safe and free of damage. For more information on the CGA, visit their website at www.commongroundalliance.com

IN THE COMMUNITY

Deep in the Midewin Tallgrass Prairie

Alliance continued its commitment to the environment, supporting the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Illinois with a \$25,000 community investment donation to the Wetlands Initiative, a nonprofit organization specializing in habitat restoration. The donation will be used to restore rare wetland and prairie habitat within the 18,000-acre natural region.

Alliance Supports Annual Renville County Safety Camp

For the past five years, Alliance has sponsored the Renville County Safety Camp in Minnesota. This year's event was held April 17 in Sacred Heart. In attendance were 125 students from Grades 4-6, along with parents and teachers. The purpose of the safety camps is to educate children about safety, hoping to influence their behavior at home and on the farm. Everyone who attends learns the importance of safety, and in the process, families and volunteers have fun at a community event.

Recognize A Hero In Your Community

The Alliance Pipeline Community Hero Award recognizes local volunteers who contribute their time and energy to help others and make a difference in their community.

The Alliance Pipeline Community Hero Award is an opportunity to say thank you to someone who deserves it. In addition, each Community Hero receives a \$2,500 donation to the approved charity of his or her choice.

Alliance is accepting nominations for the 2008 Community Hero Award until January 10, 2009, so nominate your Alliance Pipeline Community Hero today!

For more information on eligibility or how to nominate a Community Hero, please contact:

Hero Award Coordinator

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WINTER RECIPE

“Minnesota Nice” Rice Pudding



- 1 ½ cups cooked white rice *
- 2 cups milk, divided
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Dash nutmeg or cinnamon, optional

Preparation

Combine rice, 1½ cups milk, sugar and salt in a heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until thick and creamy (15 to 20 minutes). Blend the remaining ½ cup milk and egg, stir into rice mixture. Add raisins and cook an additional two minutes, stirring constantly. Add butter and vanilla. Spoon into serving dishes, sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon, if desired. Best served warm. Makes 4 servings.

* for creamier pudding, use short or medium grain rice

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

As an active member of damage prevention organizations such as One-Call and the Common Ground Alliance, Alliance Pipeline encourages the use of One-Call and promotes safe digging work practices near buried facilities.

One easy call to **811** will get the ticket process rolling, or call your state One-Call Center:

North Dakota One-Call
1 (800) 795-0555

Minnesota Gopher State One-Call
1 (800) 252-1166

Iowa One-Call
1 (800) 292-8989

Illinois JULIE
1 (800) 892-0123

Do You Know?

... the importance of calling before you dig?

Any type of digging requires that you Call Before You Dig – even small projects like planting trees or installing a fence post. If you hit an underground pipeline or utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs. Not only is it a safe practice, you are required by law to notify your local One-Call utility notification center 48 hours, or two business days prior to digging. The telephone call, the response, and the marking of utilities are done at no cost to you – and it can help you avoid some undesired consequences.

Always Call Before You Dig.

The Alliance Pipeline is a 36 inch diameter high-pressure steel pipeline, transporting rich natural gas from NE British Columbia through four U.S. states (ND, MN, IA & IL) to our processing plant in Joliet, Illinois (see page 3 for Local Office contact information). For maps of all pipelines in your area visit the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) at www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov. NPMS should never be used as a substitute for contacting 811 or your local One-Call Center prior to any excavation activity.

According to statistics from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety, pipelines are the safest mode for transporting hydrocarbon energy, surpassing other modes of transportation such as highway, rail, air, and water.



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





Alliance Pipeline Marker Post

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Do You See a Pipeline Marker Nearby?

Pipeline markers don't indicate the exact location of a buried pipeline – they simply indicate that a pipeline is nearby. Regulatory requirements state that underground pipelines must be identified with above-ground markers at fence lines, roads, railways, and at watercourse crossings. Pipeline markers display the name of the operating company, a warning about the high operating pressure, the type of product being transported, and an emergency contact number. In order to locate any underground facilities in the area prior to your excavation, Call Before You Dig.



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Alliance Pipeline 24-hour Emergency Line

1 (800) 884-8811

Call Before You Dig

5 Steps to Safety

1. Plan your activity – identify the precise location of your work, check records for evidence of other buried utilities (such as nearby pipeline markers).
2. Call your local One-Call agency.
3. Be on-site when the pipeline is being located and ensure all other buried utilities are located.
4. Immediately call the Alliance Pipeline emergency number at **1 (800) 884-8811** if you contact the pipe or its coating.
5. In an emergency, always follow the instructions of an Alliance representative.



IN AN EMERGENCY, KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS...

If you smell an odor similar to diesel fuel or light oil . . .

If you hear a loud whistling or roaring sound . . .

If you see a steam-like cloud or what looks like frost on the ground . . .

. . . **it may be a natural gas leak.**

If you SEE, HEAR or SMELL any of the warning signs:

- ▶ Do not start up or shut down any machinery, vehicle, or other equipment in or near the area as they may ignite or create a source of ignition
- ▶ Eliminate potential ignition sources such as cigarettes or cell phones
- ▶ Alert others who are nearby, then immediately leave the area on foot. Move to a safe position upwind of the potential leak site
- ▶ Avoid contact with natural gas or any associated products escaping from the pipeline
- ▶ **Phone 911;** and
- ▶ Phone the **Alliance Pipeline 24-hour emergency number 1 (800) 884-8811**