Alliant Energy Pipeline
Integrity Management
Program Summary

Alliant Energy is committed to operating safe natural gas pipelines that meet all local, state and federal regulations. Our Integrity Management Program builds on an already comprehensive safety program by providing a process for inspecting and assessing the condition of Alliant Energy-owned natural gas pipelines and establishing a maintenance program based on best industry practices.

As a result of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002, the Office of Pipeline Safety (currently the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or PHMSA) requires natural gas pipeline operators to develop and implement Integrity Management Programs.

These programs focus specifically on the safety of natural gas transmission pipelines in high consequence areas, defined as highly-populated areas or identified sites that include:

- Facilities that are difficult to evacuate such as hospitals, prisons, schools or assisted-living facilities;
- Outside areas where 20 or more people gather – playgrounds, campgrounds, stadiums or beaches; and
- Buildings that are occupied by 20 or more people on a regular basis such as churches, office buildings and malls.

Integrity Management Programs require natural gas pipeline operators, including Alliant Energy, to:

- Identify high consequence areas within their service territory;
- Periodically inspect the condition of natural gas pipelines;
- Promptly address potential problems discovered during inspections; and
- Communicate pipeline safety issues to public officials, emergency responders and the general public.

To protect the integrity of our natural gas pipeline system, Alliant Energy regularly inspects our pipelines through leak surveys and other methods. We also perform routine maintenance, such as corrosion control.

Alliant Energy prioritizes inspections of pipelines in high consequence areas based on specific risks and threats, including extreme weather conditions and potential for damage from excavators and homeowners who don’t call to have underground utilities marked before digging or follow safe excavating practices. If a potential problem is discovered during an inspection, Alliant Energy crews respond and resolve the problem, following current industry standards.

For more information on Alliant Energy’s Integrity Management Program, please call 1-800-257-3645.

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