

Safety Plan Checklist for Schools Near Underground Pipelines

Approximately one in every 20 schools is located within a half-mile of a petroleum or natural gas transmission pipeline or above-ground pipeline facility. If your school is located near a pipeline, use this checklist to review your safety plan to ensure that you are prepared to quickly respond to protect students, staff and facilities.

Does your safety plan include the following information?

- Map or details regarding the specific location of the pipeline, distance and direction from school buildings and facilities.
- Reference to pipeline markers as a way to identify the general location of the pipeline.
- Name of pipeline operator, product transported, emergency contact number and local pipeline operator representative's name and the non-emergency contact number.
- Guidelines for responding to a pipeline emergency, including how and where to evacuate and who to notify.
- Detailed school bus routes and student pick-up/drop-off locations that avoid pipelines and pipeline right-of-ways for use during evacuation due to a pipeline emergency.
- Overview of the indications of a pipeline emergency.

Safety Plan Resources

The School Pipeline Safety Partnership is sponsored by the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness and the Danielle Dawn Smalley Foundation. The School Pipeline Safety Partnership provides safety information and guidance to schools located near pipelines and aboveground pipeline facilities. Schools can use the following resources to enhance their safety plans:

1. School Pipeline Safety Web Page (Participating Schools Only)

School Pipeline Safety Partnership program participants can access and print information about the pipeline near their facilities by visiting their School Pipeline Safety Page at www.schoolpipelinesafety.org.

2. National Pipeline Mapping System

Access and download maps or find the name of the pipeline operator/owner, product transported and non-emergency contact information. www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov

3. Pipeline Safety Brochure for School Officials

Learn more about pipeline markers, indications of a leak and response protocols. www.schoolpipelinesafety.org

4. Pipeline Safety Brochure for School Bus Drivers

Train bus drivers how to recognize indications of a leak and appropriately respond at school or along their route. www.schoolpipelinesafety.org