SAFETY COMMITMENT

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A COMPANY COMMITTED TO SAFETY

Williams is committed to operating its facilities in a safe and reliable manner to protect the public, the environment and employees. An important part of Williams’ comprehensive safety program is its Integrity Management Plan, which identifies supplemental safety procedures that take place in areas that meet certain criteria of high population density; areas that contain populations of impaired mobility such as schools and hospitals; and areas where people congregate, such as church facilities, ball fields and parks.

HIGH STANDARDS

Interstate pipelines are regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Office of Pipeline Safety, which imposes a broad range of construction and operations standards. Williams has its own high standards for pipeline design, material specifications, construction, maintenance and testing. These standards, which must be met before a pipeline can be placed into service, include:

> At steel rolling mills, where pipe is fabricated, pipeline representatives carefully inspect the pipe to ensure quality meets or exceeds both federal and industry-wide standards.
> Protective coatings and other corrosion control techniques are used to help prevent corrosion of the pipeline and its facilities.
> During construction, pipeline representatives carefully inspect the fabrication and construction of the pipeline. Welds linking the joints of the pipeline are checked to test their integrity.
> Once the pipeline is in the ground and before it is placed into service, it is pressure-tested with water or inert gas in excess of its operating pressure to verify it can withstand high pressure.
> In accordance with federal law, aboveground pipeline markers are used to alert the public of the presence of one or more pipelines within an easement. These markers, which contain the name of the pipeline operator and emergency contact information, are usually located near road, rail, fence, water crossings and curbs.
> Once the pipeline is placed in the ground, Williams installs a system called cathodic protection, which along with the pipe’s protective coating, is designed to prevent corrosion.
> To help protect against third-party damage, which is the leading cause of pipeline incidents, regular inspections by motor vehicles and low-flying patrol aircraft keep a watchful eye on the pipeline routes and adjacent areas.
> Williams actively supports the nationwide One-Call system.
> Pipeline maintenance crews perform facility inspections, check for construction activity in the vicinity of the pipeline, and maintain the pipelines and their rights of way. Heavily populated areas are inspected and patrolled more frequently.
> Pipelines undergo periodic maintenance inspections, including leak surveys and valve and safety device inspections. An internal computerized inspection device known as a “smart pig” is also utilized to periodically examine the pipe’s condition.
> Local Williams’ representatives meet with local emergency response officials, excavation contractors, landowners and local community leaders to educate them about pipeline operation and emergency response procedures.
> Safety information regarding our operations is distributed annually to landowners, residents and businesses located near our facilities.
> Williams’ pipelines are continuously monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through its Gas Control center.