

# FARMING SAFELY AROUND PIPELINES



You received this postcard because you have been identified as someone who farms, ranches, and/or owns farmland near where Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. ("Southern Star") pipelines exist.

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## PIPELINE MARKERS

- Indicates approximate location, but not exact location or depth.
- Can be found where lines meet at public access points, above-ground facilities, streets, highways, waterways, and railway intersections.
- Displays the pipeline operator name, emergency number, and product transported.

## RECOGNIZING A PIPELINE LEAK



### SIGHT

Natural gas is colorless, but vapor and "ground frosting" may be visible at high pressures. A gas leak may also be indicated by bubbles in wet or flooded areas, distinct patches of dead vegetation, dust blowing from a hole in the ground, or flames if the leak is ignited.



### SOUND

Volume can range from a quiet hissing to a loud roar depending on the size of the leak and pipeline system.



### SMELL

An unusual smell or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipeline leaks. A sulfur or rotten egg like odorant called mercaptan is added to most residential area natural gas lines to aid in recognizing a leak. While the natural gas transported in transmission/gas gathering pipelines is often odorless, a leak may give off a hydrocarbon or petroleum smell.



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## CALL 811

You are required by law to contact 811, "Call Before You Dig", at least 48 hours prior to excavating. This will connect to your state's One Call Center. The One Call Center will then notify Southern Star and other pipeline utility operators in the area of your planned digging project. Once Southern Star has marked their facilities with paint and/or flags, a Southern Star representative must be on site prior to excavation.



SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS.  
EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.

## UNIFORM UTILITY COLOR CODES

This color code chart helps identify which utilities have marked their underground lines.

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|  WHITE - Proposed excavation                                       |  YELLOW - Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or gaseous materials          |  BLUE - Potable water lines                             |
|  PINK - Temporary survey markings                                  |  ORANGE - Communications, alarm or signal lines, cables, or conduit |  PURPLE - Reclaimed water, irrigation, and slurry lines |
|  RED - Electric power lines, cables, conduit, and lighting cables |  |  GREEN - Sewer lines                                  |