



## **Public Awareness Notice**

August 5, 2021

Subject: UASTP Natural Gas System

To: Occupants

The Contract Operator provides the following information for Occupant awareness regarding the Natural Gas Distribution System installed at the Project/UASTP. This system is defined as a **Master Meter System** in accordance with the definition stated in the Arizona Administrative Code R14-S-20S. As such, the gas system is subject to the requirements stated in Arizona Revised Statute 40-441 and Title 49, Part 192 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Part 192.616 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires the Contract Operator to implement a written public awareness program that will inform the general public and Project Occupants regarding: emergency response; purpose and reliability of the system; overview of hazards of the pipeline; damage prevention; how to recognize and respond to a leak; and how to get additional information.

### Emergency Response

Response to emergencies is activated by calling 799-3911 or 911. Site Security and the Rural Metro Fire Department will be the responding agencies for serious leaks. Small odors, small leaks, or other problems can be reported to Site Security (799-6666), the Contract Operator Utility Plant (799-7968), or the Contract Operator Safety Division (799-7803). Emergency plans have been established for all these events.

### Purpose and Reliability of the Pipeline

The Natural Gas Distribution System was installed in order to bring a higher level of service and efficiency to building utility requirements of the Project. The operation of this gas system has eliminated the need for the central heating hot water distribution system and has reduced energy costs.

The system has been designed and installed in accordance with all codes, regulations and current industry best practices. Quality materials, fabrication and installation methods have been used. The system is inspected annually and certified by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

### Hazards of the Pipeline and Prevention Measures Used

All pressurized piping presents hazards. When the contents are flammable, such as natural gas, the hazards are more serious. For this reason, natural gas is distributed at extremely low pressures. These low pressures minimize the amount of gas that escapes during a leak and allow a safer response for repairs. As a preventive measure, the Arizona Corporation Commission requires a rigorous inspection and maintenance program to ensure pipeline integrity. This program is administered by the site Contract Operator and by Qualified Operators of the Natural Gas System.

### Damage Prevention

The only buried piping on the Project is in the common area at the Central Utility Plant, which is closed to unauthorized personnel. The distribution piping for the Project is primarily located in the overhead portion of the Spine and is not normally subject to damage by routine foot or vehicular traffic. All Occupant facilities maintenance personnel and contractors are advised to take care with lifts and other elevated machinery that could impact the overhead piping.



### How to Recognize and Respond to a Natural Gas Leak in the Common Area

Please observe the following procedures in case of a gas leak:

If you smell natural gas, inside or outside any building, call Site Security at 799-3911 immediately.

A leak may be present if you:

- Smell an odor similar to rotten eggs.
- Hear an unusual noise coming from the ceiling or an above-ground pipeline. A hissing or roaring sound may indicate escaping natural gas.

If you suspect a leak:

- Leave the vicinity immediately.
- From a safe place, call 799-3911.
- Don't smoke, use matches, or use lighters.
- Don't turn on or off any electric equipment, lights, tools, or other spark emitting devices.
- Don't start or stop an engine. Do not drive carts in areas where gas is suspected.
- Do not use cell phones in the vicinity of the suspected leak.

### How to Get Additional Information

Additional information is available by contacting the Arizona Corporation Commission, Pipeline Safety Division. Their contact information is listed below:

Arizona Corporation Commission Pipeline Safety Section  
1300 W. Washington,  
Suite #210, Phoenix, AZ 85007 Safety Division  
Pipeline Supervisor Phone: (602) 262-5601  
Fax: (602) 262-5620  
Emergency Contact No. (602) 252-4449  
E-Mail: [safety@azcc.gov](mailto:safety@azcc.gov)

Website: <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Safety/>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

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