



A SPECIAL PIPELINE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM CLEARWATER GAS SYSTEM

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Clearwater Gas System has received several general inquiries due to the recent pipeline accident in California. Please be aware that Clearwater Gas System only operates "distribution lines" for residential and commercial use. The natural gas lines that are piped throughout our local communities operate at a significantly lower size and pressure compared to the "transmission gas line" that recently ruptured in California. The magnitude of an event of this type cannot happen within our local communities due to the size and pressure of our local gas distribution lines. Typically, "distribution lines" operate at a lower pressure of 60 pounds per inch (PSI) versus "transmission lines" which operate at pressures greater than 1,000 PSI.

Local distribution companies, like Clearwater Gas System, undertake a wide range of safety programs, including: participation in excavation damage prevention initiatives, installing above-ground markers to indicate the location of buried gas lines; performing visual inspections and leak surveys to identify potential problems; and supporting research and development focused on pipeline integrity.

Clearwater Gas is committed to take every precaution necessary, to protect our gas lines and ensure a safe environment for you, the general public.