



Public Awareness Plan

Piñons of Turkey Canon Ranch HOA

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PUBLIC AWARENESS PLAN PROPANE SYSTEM

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PUBLIC AWARENESS PLAN - REQUIREMENTS

Each operator of a propane distribution system must develop and implement a written procedure to provide its customers, and persons controlling any property, on which the system is located, which is not controlled by the operator, with a Public Awareness Message (PAM) twice annually (every six months). The operator shall maintain records indicating how, when, and to whom the PAM was distributed. The public awareness message must include [49 CFR §192.616(j)]:

- (1) A description of the purpose and reliability of the pipeline;
- (2) An overview of the hazards of the pipeline and prevention measures used;
- (3) Information about damage prevention;
- (4) How to recognize and respond to a leak; and
- (5) How to get additional information.

This plan is being provided pursuant to compliance with the minimum Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part §192.616 Public Awareness.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PLAN STATEMENT

The **Piñons of Turkey Canon Ranch HOA** propane pipeline system is owned, operated and maintained by the owner of the property. The pipeline system is designed to distribute propane to the customers, which is commonly used for heating and cooking.

The propane pipeline system is operated and maintained in accordance with the owners Operations and Maintenance Plan, which contains procedures for safely operating, maintaining, and monitoring the system. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission inspects the propane pipeline system for compliance with the Federal rules and regulations.

Piñons of Turkey Canon Ranch HOA is responsible for all the propane piping from the propane storage tank, both above and below ground, and therefore must comply with the minimum Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part §192.616 Public Awareness. The plan material shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Information about propane properties.
2. Recognition of propane odor.
3. What to do and not to do when there is a propane odor.
4. Liaison with Public Officials and provide appropriate contact telephone numbers, to obtain information or report an emergency.



The operator must develop and implement a written procedure to provide its customers public awareness messages **twice annually**. If the system is located on property the operator does not control, the operator must provide similar messages twice annually to persons controlling the property. The public awareness message must include:

- (1) A description of the purpose and reliability of the pipeline;
- (2) An overview of the hazards of the pipeline and prevention measures used;
- (3) Information about damage prevention;
- (4) How to recognize and respond to a leak; and
- (5) How to get additional information by the following but not limited to: Bulletins; Meetings; Hand-outs; Scratch & sniff pamphlets

A record shall be maintained of the public education program and related activities.

HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPANE PIPING SYSTEM

Propane can leak from pipeline facilities damaged due to corrosion, outside force, natural events, or equipment failure, etc. Because propane is a flammable commodity, propane leaks, under certain circumstances, have the potential to cause harm.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES USED TO REDUCE RISKS

The propane system is leak surveyed regularly. All hazardous leaks, if found, are repaired. All main valves are inspected to ensure that they are operable. The propane system is patrolled on a routine basis to ensure that hazardous conditions such as atmospheric corrosion, improper care of discontinued services and customer lines, inadequate support of meters and pipeline components, etc., are noted and corrected.

PROPANE PROPERTIES

Propane is colorless, odorless, tasteless and non-toxic. An additive (Mercaptan) in the propane gives it a distinctive odor (similar to rotting eggs or sulfur).

RECOGNITION OF PROPANE ODOR

If you smell propane...Leave the building immediately, taking everyone with you (including pets), and leave all doors and windows open behind you. Don't re-enter the home to open doors and windows. Do not light items such as matches or cigarettes, or use any device that may generate a spark such as electrical switches, telephones (cell and land line phones), doorbells, automobiles or other engines, etc. Extinguish all flames, evacuate the building to a safe distance, and turn off propane if feasible. To report a propane leak, call **719-596-4765 or 719-351-0246** and inform appropriate qualified personnel of the situation and the location of the leak. Do not make the phone call from the area where the propane leak is present.

DO NOT:	DO:
1. Use phones, computers, appliances, elevators or garage door openers 2. Touch electrical outlets, switches or doorbells	1. From an outside location call the gas company at Glaser Energy Group, 719-596-4765 , 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



3. Smoke or use a lighter, match or other open flame 4. Position or operate vehicles or powered equipment where leaking natural gas may be present	2. From an outside location call other emergency contact persons listed below.
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EMERGENCY CALL LIST

Fire Department: **Southwest Highway 115 FP District, Chief Hart Wright 719-238-5236**
Gas Supply Company: **Glaser Energy Group, 719-596-4765**
Operator Contact: **Cindy Ragan: 719-351-0246**
Police Department: **911**
Pipeline Safety: **Colorado Pipeline Safety (303)-894-2854**

DAMAGE PREVENTION

The propane pipeline system is susceptible to damage due to outside forces such as those caused by excavation, vehicular traffic, or excessive loads placed on meter set assemblies. In addition, restricted access to main valves and meter set assemblies could result in severe consequences in the event of an emergency.

The greatest risk to underground propane pipelines is damage caused during excavation. Even a minor impact with the pipeline could cause a dent or damage to its coating, resulting in a leak. Notify the property owner/manager before you dig. Do not park vehicles near propane meters or pipelines that are not protected by barriers. Do not remove meter supports or place heavy items on top of meter set assemblies. Do not restrict access to main valve or meter set assemblies.

Residents are to inform the owner/manager of propane meters that are vulnerable to vehicular damage or need supports. Residents should also notify the owner/manager of other potential hazards they notice.