

PUBLIC AWARENESS - 192.616

The regulations require a master meter operator must develop and implement a written procedure to provide its customers public awareness messages twice annually. The following message will be delivered in a printed handout format and/or electronically and/or during roll call and training to each employee twice annually. A record of each delivery shall be maintained in the gas system files.

The following Public Awareness Notice is to be distributed twice annually to the residents and employees of the Berwick Housing Authority

The Berwick Housing Authority owns and operates master meter natural gas distribution systems on the housing sites. The gas systems consist of underground networks of pipelines. The purpose of the gas systems is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes. The pipeline systems have the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas.

The hazards of natural gas are it is odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/or explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:

- ! adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar to rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence,
- ! testing the odorant level each calendar quarter,
- ! performing annual gas leakage surveys, and
- ! conducting periodic pipeline patrols.

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:

- ◆ A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas),
- ◆ A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route,
- ◆ Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline,
- ◆ Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas,
- ◆ A "gas smell" similar to rotten eggs.

Anyone who may smell this odor or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the school board office immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the school board office. With any gas leak protect life first then property, then notify the Berwick Housing Authority.

State and federal laws require excavators to notify LA One-Call 2 full working days before digging. If any excavation is planned you must notify LA One-Call which will notify the Berwick Housing Authority to locate the gas lines. The Berwick Housing Authority maintains membership in the LA One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue the Berwick Housing Authority at (985) 385-1546. The LA One-Call Center phone number is 811.