

PIPELINE SAFETY SELF-ASSESSMENT

for Emergency Response Officials

Use the following self-assessment to help gauge your agency's preparedness to respond to a pipeline incident. If the assessment indicates that your agency does not have training in certain areas, access to equipment or familiarity with procedures or resources, share this information with your department and local emergency planning committee.

Access additional pipeline safety information for emergency responders by visiting the Tallgrass Web site at http://www.tallgrassenergy.com/public_awareness/Government/.

Understanding Roles & Functions

- First responders in our agency have completed training to familiarize themselves with the roles, functions and purposes of the Incident Command System (ICS).
- First responders in our agency have completed training to familiarize themselves with the roles, functions and purposes of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Pipeline Incident Response Training

- First responders in our agency have reviewed the most current PHMSA DOT Emergency Response Guidebook available at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>.
- First responders in our agency carry reference copies of the most current PHMSA DOT Emergency Response Guidebook while on duty or on call.
- Responders in our agency have completed some level of HAZWOPER training.
- Someone in our agency is HAZWOPER trained/certified.
- First responders in our agency have completed pipeline-specific incident training. (Some resources include: National Association of State Fire Marshal's Pipeline Emergencies, Pipeline Association for Public Awareness' Training Scenarios, safety meetings with local pipeline operators, etc.)
- Responders in our agency have completed Medical First Responder Training.

Tools & Equipment

- Responding units in our agency have access to Combustible Gas Indicators (CGIs) for natural gas.
- Responding units in our agency have access to intrinsically safe communication equipment, including cell phones, pagers and radios.
- Responding units in our agency have access to basic response tactical equipment, including hand-held extinguishers, hand shovels and hand rakes.
- Our procedures include strategies that prevent individuals from carrying and using non-intrinsically safe communication devices and tactical equipment near the scene of a pipeline incident.

Plans & Procedures

- Our agency has conducted a table-top drill for first responders who may be called to a pipeline incident scene. Download Tallgrass's table-top drill guide at http://www.tallgrassenergy.com/public_awareness/AdditionalInformation/TrainingMeetings/.
- Responding units carry our agency's standard procedures and plans for pipeline emergency response.
- Responding units in our agency carry an emergency contact list for the pipeline operators in our area.