

## How to Recognize a Suspected Leak

### ➤ Smell

Jet fuel smells like kerosene or diesel fuel

### ➤ Sight

Look for wet spots, discolored soil, or dying vegetation that could indicate a leak

### ➤ Sound

A leak can sound like running water or sound like a pressure washer

## If You Suspect A Pipeline Leak

Pipeline leaks are rare but dangerous and require caution and immediate action to protect people, property, and the environment. If you suspect a leak:

1. Immediately leave the area in an upwind direction
2. Warn others to stay away. If at work, evacuate staff according to the emergency response plan
3. From a safe place, call 911 and BGR at 992-4623
4. Do not smoke, use a lighter, or light a match
5. Do not start or stop nearby vehicles or other machinery
6. Do not use a cell or standard telephone
7. Do not turn on or off any switches of any kind, use a garage door opener, or flashlight
8. Do not touch or attempt to operate pipeline valves
9. Do not attempt to extinguish any fires
10. Do not drive vehicles in or into the area

## Bangor International Airport (BGR) cares about public safety

BGR owns and operates an underground pipeline to convey jet fuel for use by domestic and international aircraft. BGR monitors its pipeline operation 24 hours a day, every day of the year. As always, BGR ensures public safety and safe pipeline operations through adherence to all state and federal regulations.



**BGR Fuel Department**  
(207) 992-4643

**BGR After Hours  
Emergency**  
(207) 992-4623

**Call Before You Dig**  
811 or 1 (888) Dig-Safe

# Underground Pipeline Safety

## Important Information for You to Know



*Convenience...nonstop, daily.*

## Underground Pipelines Are Everywhere

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (2008), there are over 2 million miles of pipelines in the United States. Pipelines are integral to our energy supply system transporting fuel every day to critical infrastructure, such as airports.

In Maine, there are approximately 2,000 miles of pipeline. Pipelines are primarily made up of gathering lines, transmission lines and distribution lines. The National Transportation Safety Board statistics show that pipelines are the safest mode of transporting the products we use each day across our nation.

Transmission pipelines are made of steel, covered with protective coating and buried where they quietly deliver a multitude of products throughout our nation.

Distribution pipelines are made of either steel or plastic and provide the link to service lines, which deliver the vital resources needed to heat and power homes, businesses and in this case, aircraft.

Our pipeline network is the lifeblood of our nation's economy. We all need to do our part to keep it safe and secure.

Knowing where pipelines are located in our community, the potential hazards, how to identify them and how to respond to a potential leak will help keep your family, the employees of the airport and nearby businesses and our community safe.



## Pipeline Markers - A Safety Tool



For your safety, BGR has installed markers that show the approximate location of the pipeline and its right-of-way. Markers may be anywhere along the right-of-way or directly over the pipeline. The pipeline follows a straight course between markers.

While markers are helpful in locating pipelines, markers are limited in the information they provide. Markers provide no information, for example, on the depth or number of pipelines in the right-of-way. Markers may commonly be found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railway.

The absence of a pipeline marker does not mean that an underground pipeline may not be present.

The markers indicate the material transported in the pipeline, the name of the pipeline operator, and a telephone number to call in the event of an emergency. You should be aware of any markers in your neighborhood and write down the name and phone numbers appearing on the pipeline marker in case of an emergency.

Pipeline markers are important for the safety of the general public. It is a federal crime for any person to willfully deface, damage, remove, or destroy any pipeline sign or right of way marker.



Any unusual or suspicious activities near these markers should be reported to the police (911) and the airport (207-992-4623) immediately.

## Call Before You Dig! 811

If you are planning to dig on your property, follow these important steps:

1. Call before you dig. State laws require that before digging, you call the national hotline at **811** or **Dig Safe (1-888-Dig-Safe)** at least three business days before you begin digging or do any excavation work.
2. Wait for BGR technicians and utility operators to mark your site free of charge.
3. Respect the markings once installed and follow established guidelines to prevent striking pipelines and utilities.
4. Dig with care. If you accidentally hit the pipeline, no matter how minor it may seem, call BGR immediately at 992-4623.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**