

# PIPELINE PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

## Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Transmission Pipelines In Skagit County

### Pipeline Incident Preparedness

The Department of Emergency Management encourages local fire and law enforcement agencies with pipeline companies within their response areas to do the following:

- Establish working relationships with pipeline company managers and maintain 24-hour emergency contact information.
- Be familiar with pipeline facilities and the potential hazards that may exist.
- Develop pre-fire and/or pre-spill plans.
- Develop checklists or other documents to aid response personnel in recognizing hazards and to provide guidance in taking initial actions to help insure responder safety; protect life, property and the environment; and request assistance and/or resources from other agencies or jurisdictions.

**NOTE:** Consistency in planning for pipeline emergencies is preferred. Local fire and law enforcement agencies are encouraged to work cooperatively with each other, the Skagit County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management to develop pipeline preparedness plans.

### Pipeline Information for Emergency Officials

General Information: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/EmergencyOfficials.htm?nocache=3488>

General Information: [http://www.williams.com/corporate\\_responsibility/safety/preparedness.aspx](http://www.williams.com/corporate_responsibility/safety/preparedness.aspx)

General Information: [http://www.kindermorgan.com/public\\_awareness/Government/](http://www.kindermorgan.com/public_awareness/Government/)

Recognizing Leaks: [http://www.kindermorgan.com/public\\_awareness/Government/RecognizingaPipelineLeak.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/public_awareness/Government/RecognizingaPipelineLeak.cfm)

Tactics: [http://www.kindermorgan.com/public\\_awareness/Government/IncidentResponseTactics.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/public_awareness/Government/IncidentResponseTactics.cfm)

Potential Hazards: [http://www.kindermorgan.com/public\\_awareness/Government/PotentialHazards.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/public_awareness/Government/PotentialHazards.cfm)

**NOTE:** The information links listed above were obtained from; the U. S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Kinder Morgan – Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Corporation and Williams Northwest Pipeline.

### Skagit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

The purpose of the Skagit County LEPC is to increase public knowledge regarding the presence of hazardous materials with Skagit County and to better prepare for potential emergencies. The LEPC serves as a conduit to promote the sharing of information about the nature, quantity and location of reportable chemicals and hazardous materials between facility owners/operators and local emergency response agencies. The LEPC meets on a quarterly basis.

The LEPC maintains a listing of information about the nature, quantity, and location of reportable chemicals manufactured, processed, stored, or used at various facilities within Skagit County. The LEPC also maintains the *Skagit County LEPC Hazardous Materials Contingency Plan* which serves as a supporting document to the *Skagit County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*.

Please direct questions to the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management at 360-428-3250 or [dem@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:dem@co.skagit.wa.us)