



Pipeline Right of Way and Markers

There are a number of underground pipelines that currently cross the State of Nebraska. These pipelines are part of the network of over 2.6 million miles of gathering, transmission, and distribution pipelines in the United States, transporting two-thirds of the energy we utilize each year.

Controlled right-of-way corridors allow pipeline operators to provide proper surveillance. Encroachments upon the right-of-way, such as trees, shrubs, building, fences, and structures, inhibit the operator's ability to keep the pipeline from being damaged.

To assist land owners, excavators, and emergency response teams, pipeline operators place markers along the pipeline's right of way, indicating the approximately location, but not the depth, of a buried pipeline.

Although not present in certain areas, pipeline markers are positioned at road crossings, fence lines, and street intersections. The markers display the product that is being transported in the line, the name of the pipeline operator, and a telephone number where the pipeline operator can be reached in case of emergency.

Along with using markers to locate a pipeline and its right-of-way, the public can also access the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS). NPMS is a county level geographic information system created by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in cooperation with other federal and state governmental agencies, as well as the pipeline industry.