

Public Awareness Notice

Utility Management Group, serving the City of Pikeville, is committed to providing safe and reliable Natural Gas Service to the customers in our service area while minimizing the impact to the environment. We utilize safe operational practices with trained and knowledgeable operating personnel.

We distribute Natural Gas through an underground network of pipes in Pikeville and portions of Pike County. We provide the final delivery of this vital energy to our customers. In an effort to enhance your awareness of our system, we are forwarding the following:

• **Public Responsibilities**

Heightened Security

Natural gas pipelines across America are operating normally and safely. At this time, there is no specific threat to the U.S. natural gas pipeline infrastructure.

Pipelines are accustomed to preparing for catastrophic events, such as hurricanes, and earthquakes, and we continue to work extensively on preparing for and mitigating any disruption to the service we provide. However, we need your help. Please call local law enforcement if you see anything out of the ordinary in your area. Together, we can take precautions that keep America strong.

Interstate natural gas pipelines are America's safest transportation networks. We have achieved this safety record through the diligent efforts of the gas pipeline industry working closely with state and federal agencies, and the public. Natural Gas is flammable. If its release is not controlled, it could result in a fire or an explosion. As an industry, our goal is to improve public safety by continuing to improve our safety record.

You can help by simply following these steps:

- Be Aware of Pipelines in Your Area
- Call 811 Before You Dig
- Report Unusual Conditions
- Know What Steps to Take in an Emergency



Pipeline Awareness



Because natural gas pipelines are underground, the public often is unaware of their presence. Pipelines may be in your neighborhood, or even on your property. How do you know?

One of the easiest ways to locate a pipeline is to recognize pipeline markers. Utility Management Group paint these markers with high-visibility yellow, and install the markers at road crossings, railroads and other points along the pipeline right-of-way. The markers identify the pipeline company and include telephone numbers to call to reach a company representative.

If a pipeline is on your property, the title report and the property plat should include the pipeline easement. The easement is the agreement that gives the pipeline company the right of access to build, operate and maintain the pipeline. Remember: If a pipeline is on your property, the right-of-way must be kept clear of structures and trees. These restrictions are necessary for safety reasons. Please contact us for additional information.



Call Before You Dig

Are you thinking about building a new swimming pool, installing a drain tile system or constructing a new building?

For your convenience Utility Management Group and other utilities have joined a "One Call System." All you have to do is call the "One Call" number 72 hours prior to your planned excavation and provide them with the information concerning your work. They in turn will alert the utilities that are participating in the "One Call" program.

Before you begin any type of excavation, please call 811. This program is designed to prevent excavation damage to pipelines, utilities, water lines and telecommunication systems. Violation of the "Call before you Dig" Act is a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a fine up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment for 48 hours.

Within 72 hours, Utility Management Group, serving the city of Pikeville, will investigate the area of your work, and mark in yellow paint, flags, or stakes where our pipelines are located. Every effort is made to place the markings directly above the pipe, but could vary two feet in either direction. Depth is not usually indicated, requiring extreme caution while excavating in close proximity of a marked facility. It is highly recommended that pipelines be exposed by hand digging.

Report Unusual Conditions

You can be an important addition to a pipeline company's safety program by being alert to conditions or situations that could threaten the integrity of pipelines in your neighborhood. Here are examples of potentially dangerous situations. **Please immediately contact us at 437-5114 Monday through Friday from 8AM till 5PM. On nights and weekends call 437-5111 if you encounter any of these or need any additional information:**

- **Accidental hit of a pipeline.** Occasionally a plow, post-hole digger or other excavation equipment strikes a pipeline. While the impact may not seem significant, damage to the pipe and coating creates a concentration of stress and corrosion on that part of the pipeline. The pipeline company will inspect the damage and make any necessary repairs or maintenance.
- **Washout of soils on the pipeline right-of-way, or along river and stream banks.** Erosion can expose a pipeline to damage from machinery or the elements. The pipeline company will take action to protect the pipeline.
- **Suspected Pipeline Leak.** There are several signs that can indicate a leak is present. If you see any of these signs, please notify the pipeline operator and we will investigate the situation:



Distressed or dead vegetation in a pipeline right-of-way. This can be caused by a small leak in a gas pipeline.



Hissing sound or odor of gas in the pipeline right-of-way.

Odor of Gas

Natural gas is odorized to give it a distinctive odor. The odorization of gas provides a means of early gas leak detection. Workers in the natural gas industry add odorants and maintain an odorant level in the gas to make it detectable if there is a gas leak.

Steps to Take in an Emergency

If you encounter a leak or a suspected leak, you immediately should take steps to protect yourself and others in that area.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

1. Leave the area immediately.
2. Warn others.
3. Do not light a match, start an engine, use a telephone (in the area), operate a light switch or do anything that may create a spark.
4. Call 911 or your Emergency Response number.

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The purchaser at the commissioner's sale shall take real estate free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action but it shall be sold subject to: Easements, restrictions, stipulations, any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any right of redemption; and any assessments for public improvements levied against the property. Bidders will have to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made by the Master Commissioner on date of sale shall take precedence over

printed matter contained herein. This the 26th day of May 2026.

Stephen L. Hogg
Master Commissioner
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-9178 Renewal No.3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Star Ridge Land, LLC LLC 4628 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite B, Charleston, WV 25302 has applied for a permit for prep plant

and a refuse disposal area affecting 16.38 acres, located 3.2 miles north east of Kimper in Pike County. The proposed facility is approximately 2.10 miles east from KY State Route 194 junction with Meathouse Fork and located 0.26 miles north of Meathouse Fork. The proposed facility is located on the Belfry U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by William M. Smith Heirs (Billy H. & Mary Lou Smith and Mary E. Sissel). The operation will underlie land owned by Will M. Smith Heirs (Billy H. & Mary Lou Smith and Mary E. Sissel). The application

has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pike County Board of Education Transportation Department is now taking applications for Contract Drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications and specifications may be picked up at the transporta-

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