

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS REGARDING BURIED NATURAL GAS PIPING

DATE: _____

This notice is being provided in accordance with Rule 49 CFR 192.16 of The United States Department of Transportation (“DOT Rule”)

In accordance with the “DOT Rule” listed above, the City of Marshall is hereby giving notice to all customers who have buried natural gas piping that is not maintained by the City of Marshall’s gas department of the following information:

1. If the customer’s buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
2. Buried gas piping should be:
 - a. periodically inspected for leaks
 - b. periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic
 - c. repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered
3. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance and the excavation done by hand. (You must call J.U.L.I.E. before you dig at 1-800-892-0123)
4. Plumbers and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting and repairing the customer’s buried piping.

For your guidance in determining whether this notice applies to you, please be informed that in most cases the City of Marshall maintains buried gas piping from the main (generally located near the street curb) up to the gas meter on the customer’s premises. In addition, if the piping leaving the meter up to the principal gas utilization equipment is above ground when entering the customer’s premises, this rule does not apply. However, any customer that has any gas lines (secondary lines) that branch off of the principle gas line and goes underground, such as a garage, BBQ grill, pool, etcetera, the above listed precautions should be noted.

If you are uncertain as to whether this notice applies to you, please contact the Gas Department at 217-826-8087.

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACCT #: _____

192.16 FEDERAL STANDARD

§ 192.16 Customer notification (9-13-95)

(a) This section applies to each operator of a service line who does not maintain the customer's buried piping up to entry of the first building downstream, or, if the customer's buried piping does not enter a building, up to the principal gas utilization equipment or the first fence (or wall) that surrounds that equipment. For the purpose of this section, "maintain" means monitor for corrosion according to § 192.465 if the customer's buried piping is metallic, survey for leaks according to § 192.723, and if an unsafe condition is found, either shut off the flow of gas or advise the customer of the need to repair the unsafe condition.

(b) Each operator shall notify each customer once in writing of the following information:

(1) The operator does not maintain the customer's buried piping.

(2) If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.

(3) Buried gas piping should be -

(I) Periodically inspected for leaks;

(II) Periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic, and

(III) Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.

(4) When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.

(5) The operator (if applicable), plumbers and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting and repairing the customer's buried piping.

(c) Each operator shall notify each customer not later than August 14, 1996, or 90 days after the customer first receives gas at a particular location, whichever is later. However, operators of master meter systems may continuously post a general notice in a prominent location frequented by customers.

(d) Each operator must make the following records available for inspection by the Administrator or a State agency participating under 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106:

(1) A copy of the notice currently in use; and

(2) Evidence that notices have been sent to customers within the previous 3 years.