



# **Gas Safety Division**

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# Gas Safety Division

- The Gas Safety Division is responsible for enforcing pipeline safety regulations as they apply to the certificated natural gas utilities in Pennsylvania. The Commission has adopted the federal pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR, Part 192), and it has also promulgated a few of its own gas safety requirements
- The division monitors compliance with these regulations by conducting frequent inspections of pipeline facilities and records of regulated gas utilities. It also investigates incidents which could include fires, explosions and major outages



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- Types of fuels that we inspect:
  - Natural Gas
  - Propane
  - Landfill Gas



# Gas Safety Division

- Almost 3 million natural gas customers in PA
- Regulate 36 natural gas utilities, 64 intrastate pipelines, 4 LNG facilities, 2 municipal, 7 landfill
- 48,000 miles of gas mains
- Gas Utilities range in size from 13 customers to nearly 600,000 customers



# Gas Safety Division

- Active in Pennsylvania One Call – Call before you Dig program
- Investigate BCS complaints, phone complaints, email complaints
- Odor complaints, low pressure, dead vegetation



- Moon Township
  - A Comcast Crew struck a high pressure gas main
  - Did not call 911
  - New Federal Law that requires 911 be called for all gas line hits where gas escapes



- New Hope, PA
  - Water Company hit the gas line three times in a half hour
  - 250 year old historic mansion explodes



- Millersburg, PA
  - Mismarked Gas Line
  - Fiber Optic company directional bores into the high pressure gas line



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## Types of Inspections:

- Pipeline construction
- Corrosion
- Leakage Surveys
- Damage Prevention
- Distribution Integrity Management

# And you think your job is tough!





# Gas Safety Division

- 12 Inspectors across the state
- If you're not sure whether an issue is related to gas safety...call anyway
- Call for any gas leaks anywhere in the state
- Marcellus Shale legislation

- PAPUC Gas Safety has jurisdiction over:
  - Regulated Distribution Utilities
    - UGI, PECO, PGW etc.
  - Act 127 Pipeline Operators
    - Gathering Lines (Class 2-4)
    - Intra-state Transmission Pipelines (Class 1-4)
    - Propane Distribution
    - Landfills