

Fall 2004

TICKET VOLUME 2004

January

29,220

February

27,856

March

38,172

April

35,297

May

34,096

June

35,500

% Remote Ticket Entry (Web)

January

20.4%

February

19.9%

March

17.8%

April

19.3%

May

17.6%

June

19.0%

Welcome New Members

Huguley Water and Fire Protection Authority

They have water lines in the town of Huguley in Chambers County.

Town of Thorsby

Has also joined to protect their water and sewer lines in the town of Thorsby in Chilton County.

American Water

Joined AOC to protect their water lines in Fort Rucker.

BCI/DSSI

They have cable television, long distance and telephone lines in Baldwin County.

Mediacom-Huntsville

They serve cable TV to the Huntsville area in Madison County.

Demopolis CATV Company

They serve cable TV to the Demopolis area in Marengo County.

Northeast Morgan County Water Authority

Has joined to protect their water lines in the area.

Other Membership Changes:

e.spire has changed their name to Xspedius

CLS (Central Locating Services) is now locating for

Birmingham Waterworks in addition to Alagasco, Alabama Power, BellSouth and Charter Cable for the Jefferson and Shelby County areas.

To request a membership kit or additional information, contact Tina Creel, Operations/Human Resources Director at 205.414.1840 or tcreel@al1call.com.

For a complete statewide listing of Alabama One Call's members, log on to our website at www.al1call.com.

Pipeline Safety

What can I do to help keep pipelines safe?

Become aware of the presence of pipelines in your area. Know what to look for to recognize a pipeline emergency or unusual pipeline condition. Know what to do and who to contact in the event of a pipeline emergency.

Anyone planning to dig, especially in an area that appears to be a pipeline right-of-way or where the presence of a pipeline is suspected, should call **Alabama One Call** at **800.292.8525** at least 48 hours in advance of beginning the excavation. These calls are extremely important as they can help avoid pipeline ruptures resulting from digging which is the largest single cause of pipeline accidents.

Based on the excavation location information provided during the call to Alabama One Call, the pipeline owner and the owners of other nearby utilities will be notified. The pipeline operator will locate and mark the specific location of the pipeline relative to the location of the planned excavation.

What is a pipeline right-of-way?

Most oil pipelines and natural gas transmission pipelines are installed underground and are located in rights-of-way. A rights-of-way (ROW) is a route through which the pipeline is constructed, operated and maintained.

A ROW is developed by a series of consecutive easements that have been acquired by or granted to the pipeline operator. The ROW provides the pipeline operator an area that can be kept clear and maintained for ease of access to perform pipeline inspections and maintenance. It also provides a clear zone where encroachments can be monitored and prevented. This helps to assure protection of the pipeline as well as protection of the surrounding public and property.

Generally, the pipeline company's right-of-ways extend 25 feet from each side of a pipeline unless special conditions exist.

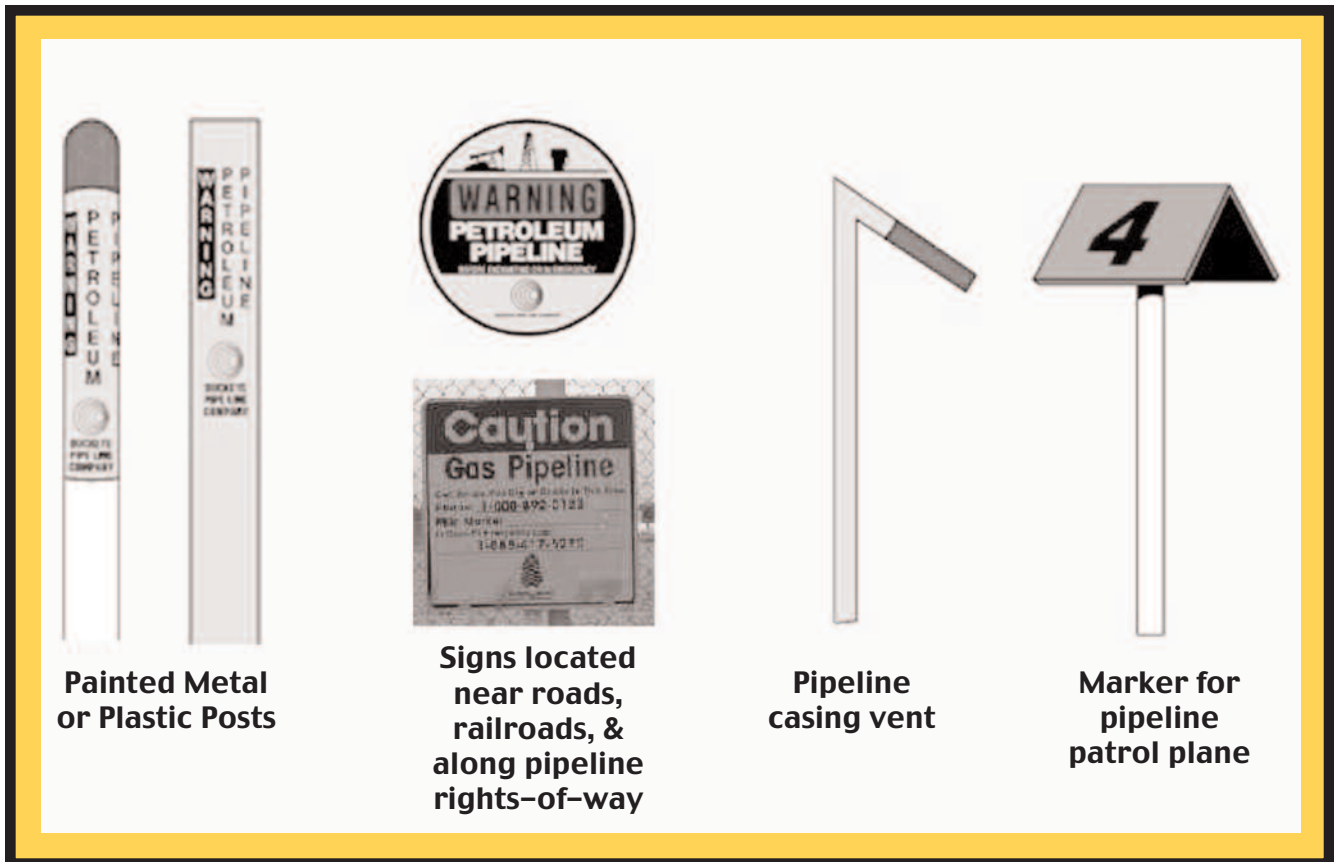
Natural gas distribution lines are generally installed in underground utility easements alongside municipal streets and highways. Service lines run from the mains to the business or residence of use.

Are Pipeline Markers Always Placed On Top Of The Pipeline?

No. Markers are warning signs and only indicate the general location of a pipeline. They cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact position of the pipeline they mark. Also, the pipeline may not follow a straight course between markers. And, while markers are helpful in locating a pipeline is nearby, they are limited in the information they provide.

How Can I Tell Where A Pipeline Is Located?

Since pipelines are usually buried underground, line markers and warning signs like the ones shown below are used to indicate their approximate location along the pipeline route. The markers and warning signs are in high-visibility colors (yellow or orange) and are located along frequent intervals along the right-of-way. The markers can be found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, railway, or waterway, and at other prominent points along the route.



Pipeline rights-of-way and warning markers are installed to provide a warning that a pipeline is located nearby and to provide information on how to contact the pipeline operator. WARNING MARKERS INDICATE ONLY THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE LINE; THEY DO NOT INDICATE THE SPECIFIC LOCATION (DEPTH OR HORIZONTAL LOCATION) OF THE LINE. Thus, it is important to have the location of the lines accurately determined before digging in an area where pipelines are located.

Identifying the location of a pipeline may be complicated by the facts that:

- There may be multiple lines located in the same rights-of-way.
- Pipelines aren't necessarily installed in straight lines. A pipeline may curve or make an angle underground as it runs between ROW markers in order to avoid some natural or manmade feature such as a historical site or another underground facility such as a sewer line or water main.

How to Recognize and Respond to a Pipeline Emergency

Pipelines safely transport many materials and products that we depend upon for our quality of life. When left alone, they are the safest method of transportation for these materials.

If during excavation activities, you cut, strike or otherwise cause damage to a pipeline, however, serious consequences can result, including a danger to public health and injury to people and property. Knowing how to recognize a pipeline emergency can help you avoid such serious consequences.

Watch for these signs of a pipeline emergency:

- Hissing or blowing sound.
- Unusual blowing of dirt or dust from a hole in the ground.
- Persistent bubbles in water.
- Dying plants amid healthy ones.
- Gaseous or unusual odor.
- Flames coming from the ground or burning above ground.
- Accumulation of a liquid on the ground.
- A dense white cloud or fog over the pipeline.

If you see any of the above signs, follow these steps:

- Avoid any open flames or other possible sources of ignition.
- Do not start up or shut down motor vehicles or electrical equipment including switches and telephones.
- Evacuate the area immediately and warn others to stay away.
- Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.
- From a safe distance, notify the facility operator immediately so the leak can be verified and necessary corrective measures taken.
- If the pipeline company is unknown, call 9-1-1 or contact your local fire, police, or sheriff's department and advise them of the location and the nature of the situation. Get help from local law enforcement officials to isolate the area.

Prevent Damages To Buried Utilities

Call Before You Dig

Alabama One Call (AOC) is a non-profit organization established to provide a centralized notification system as a means to safeguard against injury and loss of life, to protect public services and to prevent damage to underground facilities by providing for prior notification of excavation and demolition activities in the State of Alabama.

Notification to underground facility owners is required by the Alabama Underground Damage Prevention Act 94-487. Many utilities can be notified through their membership with Alabama One Call. The excavator is required to contact all underground facility owners directly if the underground facility owner is not a member of Alabama One Call.

ALABAMA ONE CALL DOES NOT ACTUALLY MARK THE UTILITY LINES

Many excavators mistakenly believe that Alabama One Call is responsible for the actual marking of facilities. This is not the case. Each member facility owner or their contract locator is responsible for ensuring that their facilities are properly marked.

If I'm A General Contractor And I Have Several Subcontractors Working For Me, Can I Call In All The Locates For My Subcontractors?

Alabama's law requires that the person doing the work should call in the locate request. However it does not directly address the situation of general and sub contractors. Where the liability would lie in the case of a damage, would be determined through a legal proceeding, unless any contractual agreement specified the responsible party.

Terminology Alabama One Call And The Utilities Use To Describe The Area To Be Marked

The following are explanations of important terms used by AOC. The correct use of these terms will insure the accurate marking of your proposed excavation site:

- Front: From the front of the house/property forward to the curb.
- Rear: From the back of the house/property back to the rear property line.
- Side: From the side of the house/property out to the side property line.
- Both sides of the road: You must specify what part of the lot you want marked on both sides of the road.

For example "Mark the front of the lots on both sides of the street." This does not include any of the road. You must specify the road area to have it marked.

Dig Safely.
1.800.292.8525

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CALL TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG

800.292.8525 or 252.4444 (B'HAM)

When calling in a locate request have the following information available:

- Company Phone & Name
- Company Address
- Caller's Name
- Field Contact Name/Phone#
- County of Work Area
- Place/City/Address of Work Area
- Type of Work Being Done
- Location Directions for Work Area
- Nearest Intersecting Street or Road
- Who Is Work Being Done For?
- Is Work Area Outlined in White Paint?
- Will Explosives Be Used?
- Is Directional Boring being Done?

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