

NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC 21 East State Street, Suite 2200 Columbus, OH 43215

# NEXUS.

## **Community Briefing** | Issue 5: Project Update

The NEXUS team is committed to providing landowners and interested citizens with accurate and timely information about the NEXUS Gas Transmission pipeline project (NEXUS or Project). In addition to the many ways we already communicate with the public, we are providing a newsletter to help keep you informed. Through these newsletters, we seek to provide information regarding the company's safety practices, the importance of energy infrastructure, the reason and need for the Project, and the processes in place governing easement acquisition, certification, construction, operations, and maintenance of our facilities. In this issue, we will provide you with important information about the operation of the pipeline and an introduction to our public awareness program. We hope that you find the information helpful and share it with your friends and neighbors who may also be interested in this Project. If you have any questions about the Project, we encourage you to visit our website at www.nexusgastransmission.com.

the pipeline system and facilities into commercial service. The system includes approximately 256 miles of 36-inch new "greenfield" pipeline and associated compressor stations that are designed to deliver 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas supplies per day from receipt points in eastern Ohio to existing pipeline system interconnects in southeastern Michigan.

#### **Restoration Underway**

NEXUS recently completed the construction and commissioning of the pipeline facilities. Restoration and revegetation activities along the rights-of-way in your area are underway and will continue after the pipeline has been placed into service until complete. NEXUS land representatives will continue to work with affected landowners to address areas that require restoration or repair due to construction and address any other related issues. If you have guestions or concerns regarding restoration, please feel free to contact our Construction Hotline at (844) 589-3655.

#### **NEXUS Project Overview**

Project Scope: Approximately 256 miles of new "greenfield" natural gas pipeline Location: Ohio & Michigan Capacity: 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) **Project Partners:** DTE Energy & Spectra Energy Partners, an Enbridge company In-Service: October 2018 **NEXUS Landowner Hotline:** (844) 589-3655 FERC Landowner Helpline: (877) 337-2237

24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (855) 329-1781

#### **Partners in Preparedness**

Keeping in touch with you is very important to us. That's why we maintain contact with those neighbors who live near our pipelines and facilities-including communities, landowners, excavators and emergency responders-on an ongoing basis. It's an opportunity to share important information, hear about your experiences, respond to your questions and update you on NEXUS safety, prevention and maintenance programs.

In the process of delivering this energy to consumers across the Great Lakes region, NEXUS remains vigilant in our commitment to safety. We will continue to work closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure our pipelines meet or exceed regulatory requirements for safety. We will also communicate regularly with members of the public who live or work near our pipelines, and collaborate with organizations that share our dedication to pipeline safety and public awareness.

The NEXUS pipeline is monitored 24-7. If you suspect a pipeline emergency, please move to a safe location and call 911, and then call our toll-free 24 Hour emergency number: 1-855-329-1781 (or an emergency number that you see on a pipeline marker).

Natural gas touches nearly every aspect of our lives every single day. It powers our homes and businesses and it heats and cools them, too. Natural gas fuels many of our municipal transportation fleets and the trucks that deliver goods to market. It provides the raw material needed to manufacture the goods we consume, and the fertilizer farmers use to grow the food we eat. Just like the crops on our farms and the products in our factories, natural gas has to be delivered from where it is produced to the people and communities that use it every single day.

#### NEXUS recently received authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to place



#### **Public Awareness**

Pipeline systems don't just run through communitiesthey connect them.

Pipelines are one of the safest, most efficient and most reliable ways to transport energy resources. Pipelines play a vital role in our everyday lives, and are essential to our quality of life and economy-moving the products necessary for transportation, heating and cooling our homes, producing our food supply and manufacturing consumer products.

Our top priority is operating our pipeline network safely. Our pipelines meet or exceed high government standards, and we work diligently to protect our pipeline network, because it means our neighbors and employees are protected as well.

Now that the pipeline is in service, NEXUS will be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We employ a number of redundant, overlapping layers of protection in the operation of the pipeline - from high-tech monitoring to routine patrols of the pipeline right of way. Trained professionals use the best available technology to actively monitor thousands of points along our systems and analyze data in real time to ensure our systems are running smoothly.

By staying aware, following safety precautions while working near pipelines, and keeping in touch with us about any concerns or issues, you can help prevent incidents and minimize their impacts.

#### **Call or Click Before You Dig**

Whether you plan on digging around your house, in your backyard or out in the field, it's important to call 811 or visit ClickBeforeYouDig.com to have the area marked for buried utilities before you disturb the soil. These are free services that are designed to keep you safe while digging. Calling or clicking is always the safest option every time you dig and it's the law. At least two to three business days before your project - any time you are disturbing the soil, call 811 or visit ClickBeforeYouDig.com

Within two to three business days, professional locators will come to your location and mark underground utility lines-including pipelines (marked with yellow flags or paint)-so you can work around them, saving yourself from possible injury or property damage. If you see

someone digging or disturbing the soil and there are no flags or marks on the ground, please stop the activity and ask the person to call 811 before continuing.



### The Pipeline Right-of-Way

N G

A pipeline follows a narrow, clear stretch of land called a right-of-way that allows pipeline personnel to access the pipeline for inspections, maintenance, testing and emergencies. Pipeline rights-of-ways must be kept free from structures and other obstructions to provide access to the pipeline. Pipelines are patrolled from the air and the ground, and obstructions prevent proper inspections. You can find the general location of pipelines near you by looking for pipeline markers. The marker will provide the pipeline operator's name, the contents of the pipeline and an emergency phone number.

If an emergency is suspected, call our 24 Hour emergency hotline number 1-855-329-NEXUS 1781 (or an emergency number that you see WART on a pipeline marker). While markers play an important role in identifying pipelines, they are not used to give exact locations and should not be an alternative to calling 811. Markers should never be removed or relocated by anyone other than a pipeline operator. You can also find out where pipelines are in your ----area by going to the National Pipeline Mapping System website at www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

#### **Emergency Information**

In the unlikely event of a pipeline incident, you may observe one or more of the following: You might see:

- Dirt being blown or appearing to be thrown into the air
- A white vapor stream or mist-like cloud over the pipeline
- Dead or dying vegetation in an otherwise green area
- A dry area in a wet field
- Flames coming from the ground or appearing to burn above ground
- Liquid on the ground
- Continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas

#### You might hear:

• A roaring, blowing or hissing sound

#### **Steps for a Safe Response**

If you are in immediate danger, damage the pipeline, or observe or suspect a leak - even if you are uncertain of the severity – take the following steps:

- Warn others to stay away
- Call 911
- see on a pipeline marker).
- Follow instructions provided to you by local emergency responders

#### What NOT to do:

- Do not touch any liquid or vapor that may have come from the pipeline
- Do not drive into the area
- Do not light a match and avoid open flames
- Do not attempt to extinguish a natural gas fire
- Do not operate pipeline valves

#### Public Safety

By staying aware, following safety precautions while working near pipelines, and bringing up concerns or issues, you can help prevent incidents and minimize their impacts. As part of our public awareness program, we periodically brief first responders in order to provide information regarding pipeline operations and emergency response. In the unlikely event of a pipeline incident, we will work closely with local emergency responders to evaluate the situation and implement an appropriate response. Local public safety officials will determine whether residents should evacuate or shelter in-place. Residents may be asked to evacuate if it determined that is it not safe to be in the area or to shelter in-place.

• Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area, moving upwind of the product release

• Call the toll-free, 24-Hour NEXUS emergency number: 1-855-329-1781 (or an emergency number that you

• Do not turn on or off anything that may create a spark – including cell phones, telephones, two-way radios, light switches, vehicle alarms, vehicle keyless entry and flashlights - until you are in a safe location