

Commitments to Responsible Construction



The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) has long stood for safe and responsible construction and operation of natural gas pipelines.

Recognizing the increase in pipeline construction activity, particularly in areas unaccustomed to energy pipelines, the INGAA board of directors in July 2017 formally and unanimously affirmed its commitment to the highest levels of safety and integrity in the pipeline construction process. INGAA's members operate nearly 200,000 miles of pipelines and serve as an indispensable link between natural gas producers and consumers. They commit to the following:

1. Ensuring Safe & Quality Construction

INGAA members are committed to safe and responsible pipeline construction practices.

- **We ensure all construction materials meet or exceed design specifications** and regulatory requirements.
- **We inspect and test all new pipelines before they are put into service.** This includes weld and coating inspection and pressure testing.
- **We employ qualified pipeline construction inspectors.** In 2017, INGAA's members committed to employ qualified construction inspectors and endorsed an advanced certification program (API 1169). That endorsement has yielded more than 8,000 certified inspectors to date and provides a mechanism to promote growth and education of the pipeline inspection workforce. INGAA's members remain committed to an inspector certification program and will continue to employ a well-trained construction workforce.

2. Caring for Communities & Landowners

We communicate with interested parties before, during and after construction.

- **We work collaboratively with landowners.** To that end, we reaffirm INGAA's "Commitment to Landowners" on all projects. We require our representatives to interact respectfully and productively with landowners and other stakeholders and to act in good faith.
- **We work with the community and other stakeholders** to communicate the need for the project and discuss options to preserve historic, cultural and community resources and give the public opportunities to express views.
- **We provide timely information and advance notification** to landowners and our neighbors before undertaking planned construction activities.
- **We proactively engage first responders and local safe digging programs (One Call/811).** We provide information on pipeline locations and response procedures.

3. Preserving Environmental Resources

We use construction processes and technologies designed to minimize impacts to natural resources.

- **We are committed to constructing and siting our pipeline facilities in an environmentally responsible manner.** The siting and construction process is designed to balance the need to provide safe and reliable energy with the need to protect air, water, land and wildlife.
- **We avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts to environmental and cultural resources** by carefully evaluating and implementing appropriate construction methods.
- **We restore and revegetate pipeline rights of way and construction work areas.** We work with landowners and resource agencies to preserve water and land resources and minimize long-term effects resulting from construction.

4. Respecting Regulations

We respect the regulatory processes that govern our construction projects.

- **We design and construct our pipelines in compliance** with a comprehensive framework of regulations.
- **We comply with the applicable processes** that govern easement acquisition, certification, permitting, construction, operations and maintenance of our facilities.
- **We work openly with regulators** to ensure that our pipelines are designed and built safely, with quality materials, in ways that minimize the impact to the environment and the community.

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