

Emergency Responder Checklist

*Pipeline operators will concentrate on shutting down pipeline facilities.
Responders should focus on protecting the public and isolating and removing ignition sources.*

1. APPROACH CAUTIOUSLY FROM UPWIND, UPHILL OR UPSTREAM.

- Stay clear of vapors, fumes, smoke and spills.
- Do NOT part over a manhole or storm drain.
- Do NOT assume that gases or vapors are harmless because of lack of an odor.

2. SECURE THE SCENE.

- Establish isolation zones and set up barricades.

3. IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS.

- Obtain information from persons at the scene.
- Locate pipeline markers to identify product, operator name and emergency phone number.
- Refer to DOT Emergency Response Guidebook.

4. ASSESS THE SITUATION.

- Is there a fire, spill or leak?
- What are the weather conditions?
- What is the terrain?
- Who and what is at risk?
- What resources (personnel and equipment) are required?

5. OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM TRAINED PERSONNEL.

- Contact your organization.
- Contact the pipeline operator.

6. RESPOND TO PROTECT PEOPLE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

- Consider the safety of people first, including your own safety.
- Eliminate ignition sources.
- Rescue and evacuate people.
- Employ the incident command system.
- Control fire, vapor and/or leak.

7. WORK TOGETHER WITH THE PIPELINE OPERATOR.

