



Dear Natural Gas Customer:

Re: Customer Owned Yard Lines

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued a rule requiring all natural gas operators to notify their customers of the responsibility of maintaining service yard lines.

The Municipal Utility Board does not own or maintain buried gas piping from the meter location to the residence or structure. This piping is the responsibility of the property owner.

To ensure the safe operation of these service lines, they should be checked periodically. You are advised to contact a licensed plumbing and heating contractor to assist you in locating and checking your lines for leaks or corrosion (if metal). When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.

The MUB has an on-going leakage survey for the department's main gas lines. In the summer of 2001 the department began surveying one (1) out of every five (5) customer-owned yard lines during the annual leak survey. In the event a leak is detected on the yard line, the MUB will notify you of its location and ask you to have it repaired. It has always been MUB's policy to assist our natural gas customers with locating and pinpointing leaks both inside and outside the home. If you think that you smell gas in or around your home, call the MUB office at 918-825-2100 or the after-hours emergency number at 918-825-2102 for assistance.

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