PIPELINE QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

PUBLIC BENEFITS OF PIPELINES

How does the public benefit from pipelines?

Pipelines connect us to the energy we need, from gas for our cars to fuel to heat our homes to raw materials for our manufacturing jobs, it all flows through a pipeline at some point.

Pipeline Construction Spurs Jobs

New pipeline infrastructure offers American workers the opportunity for thousands of good-paying jobs and billions of dollars in worker payroll. A major pipeline construction project will directly put to work thousands of tradesman, teamsters, technicians and engineers.

Tens of thousands more Americans will have jobs from pipelines because of the goods and services supplying the project, its workers and their personal spending. In this way, pipeline construction projects supply both construction jobs and many more types of good-paying jobs in manufacturing, finance and insurance, hospitality and health care.

Raw Materials Delivered to Manufacturers

Pipelines deliver natural gas liquids from wells in places like eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania and Texas and send them to U.S. manufacturers: ethane to make plastics, butane for pocket lighters, and pentane to make styrofoam.

Community Benefits Continue After Pipeline Construction

After construction, a major pipeline project will provide tens of millions of dollars in property taxes each year. Local communities can use these revenues to fund increases to fire and police departments, teachers and schools and government operations.

Consumer Goods Made from Pipeline Delivered Feedstocks

American consumers use products made from pipeline-delivered feedstocks. Beverage containers, clothing, carpet, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals all are made with raw material feed stocks delivered at some point by pipeline. U.S. workers drill wells and send petroleum products to pipelines, process raw materials into usable feed-stocks, process feed-stocks into base fibers, resins, and materials and manufacture final products and packaging.

An assembled pipeline is lowered into place before the soil is replaced.

Gasoline & Diesel for Our Cars & Trucks

Without pipelines, we wouldn't have the gasoline and diesel we put into our cars and trucks. Major pipelines deliver crude oil to refineries in the Gulf Coast and Midwest and gasoline and diesel from those refineries to American cities across the entire country.

Home Heating Fuel

Millions of homes in colder climates depend upon pipelines to keep their homes warm in winter. Home heating oil or ultra low sulfur diesel is sent by pipeline in large volumes to regional storage points. Trucks make heating fuel deliveries the last few miles of a journey started by pipeline.

Jet Fuel for Air Travel

The jet fuel in airplanes comes to airports by pipeline. Pipelines deliver the jet fuel from refineries to airport storage tanks.

Propane for Farming and Rural Heating

Rural communities depend upon pipelines to heat their homes and farms. Propane for rural home heating is transported to regional distribution centers by pipeline before delivery to homes by truck.

Farmers use propane to dry their grain after harvest reducing crop loss, adding harvest flexibility and improving yields through earlier harvest. Livestock operations use propane to heat their barns and keep livestock warm throughout the winter. Farmers can also use propane to power their irrigation pumps, heat greenhouses and power farm vehicles.