

Pipeline & Compressor Station Frequently Asked Questions

What are pipelines and compressor stations?

Pipelines transport natural gas safely and efficiently across long distances to meet residential, industrial, and power generation needs. Compressor stations along the route ensure a steady flow of gas by increasing its pressure as needed, maintaining safe and reliable delivery.

How do compressor stations operate?

Compressor stations are pumps that receive and push gas through a pipeline. They occupy approximately 15 acres of land and are equipped with advanced technology to minimize noise and vibration. Noise levels stay below 55 decibels (similar to a quiet conversation) and comply with federal standards. We conduct routine noise surveys to ensure compliance and address any community concerns.

How are pipelines and compressor stations regulated?

Our facilities meet standards set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Compliance includes regular inspections, permits, and environmental assessments, ensuring safety, operational integrity, and environmental protection.

How are communities informed?

Keeping communities informed is a priority. Our public awareness program provides nearby residents and businesses with safety brochures, pipeline markers, and emergency contact information. For projects that may affect the community, we share information, answer questions, and gather feedback. If construction impacts your property, we inform you in advance and work with you to minimize any inconvenience.

What should be expected during operations?

We aim to minimize visual impacts to nearby communities. Compressor stations are designed with features like fencing, tree screens, and visual barriers to reduce their visibility. Pipelines are buried underground to eliminate visual and noise impacts. We work closely with communities to select and maintain these measures, ensuring our operations are as quiet, safe, and unobtrusive as possible.

Where to find more information on Pipelines & Compressor Stations?

Boardwalk Pipelines, LP is an active member of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA). INGAA is a helpful resource for information on how pipelines and compressor stations operate. Visit <https://ingaa.org/> for more information.