

Southern WV Accident Alert

A fatal accident occurred when the blade of a bulldozer ruptured a 16-inch low-pressure, high-volume natural gas pipeline which immediately burst into flames. The bulldozer was being used to cut a bench in the natural slope of a hillside in advance of a surface mine.



Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Identify any right-of-way for pipelines and other utilities in the proposed mining area.
- ✓ Make sure markers are installed, maintained, and not removed for any reason.
- ✓ Maintain a safe distance between active mining and the pipeline right-of-way.
- ✓ Insure that certified mine maps accurately depict location of all active and abandoned gas wells and pipelines.
- ✓ Review location of gas lines with all employees.