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#### 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Statement
- **1.1.1.** React quickly to a gas leak.
- 2. Policy Objective
- 2.1. Objective
- **2.1.1.** React quickly to protect residents, visitors and employees.
- 3. Application of the policy
- 3.1. Application
- **3.1.1.** This policy applies to all employees of the Residence.
- 4. Policy Requirements
- 4.1. Suspicious odor
- **4.1.1.** Do you smell something suspicious?
  - a. Call Enbridge IMMEDIATELY (1866-763-5427) or 9-1-1
  - **b.** ATTENTION: You have recognized the typical smell of rotten eggs (mercaptan).
  - **c.** Stop any activity in progress in a safe manner.
  - d. Do not set off the fire alarm.
  - **e.** Do not turn off or on any lights or electrical appliances. What is open stays open, what is closed stays closed.
  - **f.** Don't waste time retrieving personal belongings, but dress quickly if the weather requires it.
  - g. Do not use the telephone or cell phone. Alert others by voice only.
  - **h.** Leave the building by the nearest exit. Never use the elevator or escalators.
  - i. Head to your evacuation team's outdoor assembly area.
  - **j.** Once safe, **immediately call Enbridge (1866-763-5427)** or 9-1-1 to inform them of the potential hazard with as much information as possible about the location and risks in the area.



**k.** Wait for instructions from response personnel before re-entering the building.

#### 4.2. Prevention tips

- **4.2.1.** Memorize the number to call in case of emergency. (1866-763-5427) or 9-1-1
- **4.2.2.** Become a member of your unit's evacuation team and know what your responsibilities are.
- **4.2.3.** Ask about your unit's outdoor gathering place.
- **4.2.4.** Know where the shelters are for people with disabilities.
- **4.2.5.** For more information on natural gas, visit the Enbridge website. www.enbridge.com

#### 4.3. How to recognize a natural gas smell?

- **4.3.1.** Mercaptan, a harmless product with a strong rotten egg smell, is added to the normally odorless natural gas to make it detectable in case of a leak. This is a safety measure that allows early recognition of a leak, long before the concentration is at a dangerous level in the air,
  - a. a stream of white vapor or a cloud in the form of fog over the pipeline;
  - **b.** frost or unusual ice on the ground;
  - **c.** bubbling water or water released into the air; continuous bubbles in wet or flooded areas;
  - d. dead or dying vegetation in a green area;
  - e. snow or discolored vegetation;
  - **f.** a dry plot in a wet field;
  - **g.** flames coming from the ground or looking like they are burning above the ground;
  - h. a liquid on the floor;
  - i. oily reflections on the surface of the water.

#### **4.3.2.** If you see :

a. a wet patch or puddle of black liquid: this could be crude oil;



- **b.** a wet patch or puddle of light brown or yellow liquid: this could be synthetic oil or condensate;
- **c.** a cloud of vapour or a semblance of frost on the ground: this could be a natural gas liquid
- **d.** a dry patch in a wet field, or flames coming from the ground or looking like they are burning above ground: this could be natural gas.

### **4.3.3.** If you feel:

- **a.** an odor similar to gasoline or diesel fuel: it could be a refined petroleum product,
- **b.** an odor similar to gasoline, but much stronger and less pleasant: it could be a natural gas liquid
- **c.** an unusual skunk or rotten egg smell: this could be a natural gas leak (Note: natural gas is essentially odourless. Mercaptan, an odorant sometimes added to natural gas in city gas distribution systems for safety reasons, produces a distinctive "skunk" smell. However, transmission or gathering pipelines such as those operated by Enbridge across Canada generally carry natural gas without odorant.)

## 4.3.4. If you hear:

**a.** a hissing, blowing or roaring sound from the pipeline right-of-way or a tie-in facility: this could be a pipeline leak.

## 5. Responsibilities

#### 5.1. Employees

**5.1.1.** Employees should be aware of this policy.

#### 6. References

- 6.1.1. Security plan
- 6.1.2. Enbridge Gas



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