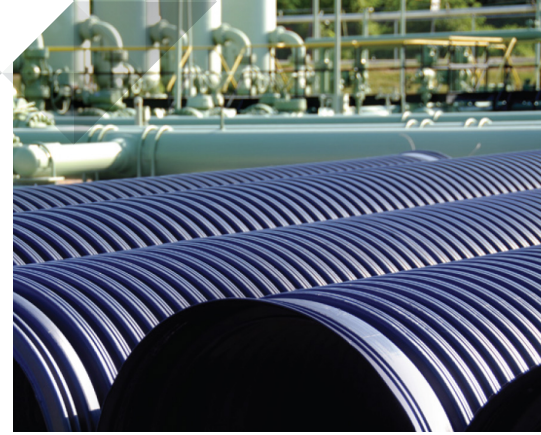


# LEACH XPRESS PROJECT LANDOWNER UPDATE



## LANDOWNERS LEARN ABOUT LEACH XPRESS DURING OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

In November, Columbia Gas Transmission hosted a series of open house meetings to inform landowners, residents and local officials about the proposed Leach XPress pipeline project, which will originate in the West Virginia panhandle and travel through several counties in southeastern Ohio.

More than 250 attended the open houses, which were held in Hocking, Jackson, Monroe and Noble counties in Ohio and Marshall and Wayne counties in West Virginia. The meetings provided attendees an opportunity to meet with representatives from Columbia's engineering, land, natural resources permitting, pipeline construction and operations teams and to ask questions about the project.

"Open, transparent communication, particularly with landowners, is extremely important," said Zane Daniels, manager of community relations and stakeholder outreach for Columbia. "These meetings provided a valuable opportunity for us to interact with landowners and address their individual concerns."

Landowners also had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the primary regulatory body overseeing the proposed interstate pipeline project. FERC will conduct a comprehensive environmental review of the project as part of the approval process.

Columbia values your input. If you were unable to attend an open house meeting or have questions about the project, or would like additional information, please contact one of our project team members. They will be happy to assist you.



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### FERC PROJECT TRACKING

You are invited to follow the Leach XPress project through the FERC process by visiting the agency's "electronic library" online at [ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp](http://ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp) and searching for docket number **PF14-23**.

We also strongly encourage you to download and read the FERC's citizen's guide book called *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?* You can obtain a copy online at [ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides.asp](http://ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides.asp).

If you prefer to receive a copy by mail, please contact one of our project team members.

### YOUR SOURCE FOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Columbia's project team is available to answer your questions and understand your concerns.

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## UNCOMPROMISED COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

***Safe by Choice, Not by Chance***  
is not only our motto but also our pledge to landowners, communities, contractors and employees to always make safety our top priority. It is this unwavering commitment to safety that has allowed Columbia to build one of the safest and most reliable energy transportation networks in the world.



### LEARN MORE ABOUT PIPELINE SAFETY

If you would like to learn more about federal pipeline safety requirements and initiatives, please visit the website of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at [www.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov).

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The Leach XPress project will be designed, constructed, and maintained in strict compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety requirements. The new facilities will be protected by underground pipeline corrosion prevention systems, performance monitoring by trained personnel in our Charleston, W. Va. Monitoring Center, and periodic aerial patrols of the pipeline right-of-way to look for conditions in the field that could impact pipeline operations.

In addition, we will conduct interior pipeline inspections with advanced tools called “smart pigs” to study the integrity of the pipeline and identify any areas in need of repair.

### 24/7 SAFETY MONITORING

To ensure around-the-clock pipeline safety and integrity, Columbia operates several Gas Control Monitoring Centers throughout its operating system. At these centers, highly trained employees gather and analyze data transmitted from pipelines and related facilities. This data allows them to quickly identify and respond to potential issues and adjust gas flow if necessary.

### PARTNERING WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS & COMMUNITIES

We view emergency responders who serve communities within the Leach project footprint as part of our expanded safety team. We look forward to providing training and expertise to help prepare them for any contingency. We will also continue to educate landowners, contractors, excavators and local officials about how to prevent, detect and report possible leaks along our pipeline system.

### A DIFFERENT KIND OF PIPELINE COMPANY

Columbia Gas Transmission is a well-known, established energy company in Ohio and West Virginia. Unlike other energy companies that have recently begun operating in this area, Columbia and its employees have been safely and reliably serving the region for decades – and we plan to continue that service for years to come.

Columbia is committed to building longstanding relationships with landowners throughout our service territory. Our pledge to you is to be transparent, fair and flexible as we work together to create a suitable pipeline easement agreement.

We will not forget about you or your needs after an agreement is reached. Signing an agreement with Columbia brings with it a support team of local operations professionals who will be monitoring the safety and integrity of this pipeline for as long as it is in service. Our commitment to you – and a stronger and more energy secure Appalachia – sets us apart from the others.