

## Leak Recognition and Response

- ① **Dirt or dust blowing from an unexpected area**
- ② **Discolored vegetation in otherwise green areas**
- ③ **A blowing or hissing sound**
- ④ **A petrochemical or hydrocarbon smell, or an odor similar to rotten eggs**

## Dig Safely

Before excavation begins, call your state One-Call center by dialing 811. An XTO employee will respond and properly identify where the XTO pipeline is buried. Remember:

- When excavating near underground facilities, excavate by hand, use extreme caution, and follow state laws and safe excavation practices.
- Not all pipelines or related facilities are marked.
- Please notify XTO immediately of any damage to a pipeline. While damage to the pipe or coating may appear to be minor, a gouge, scrape, dent or crease could harm the integrity of the pipeline.

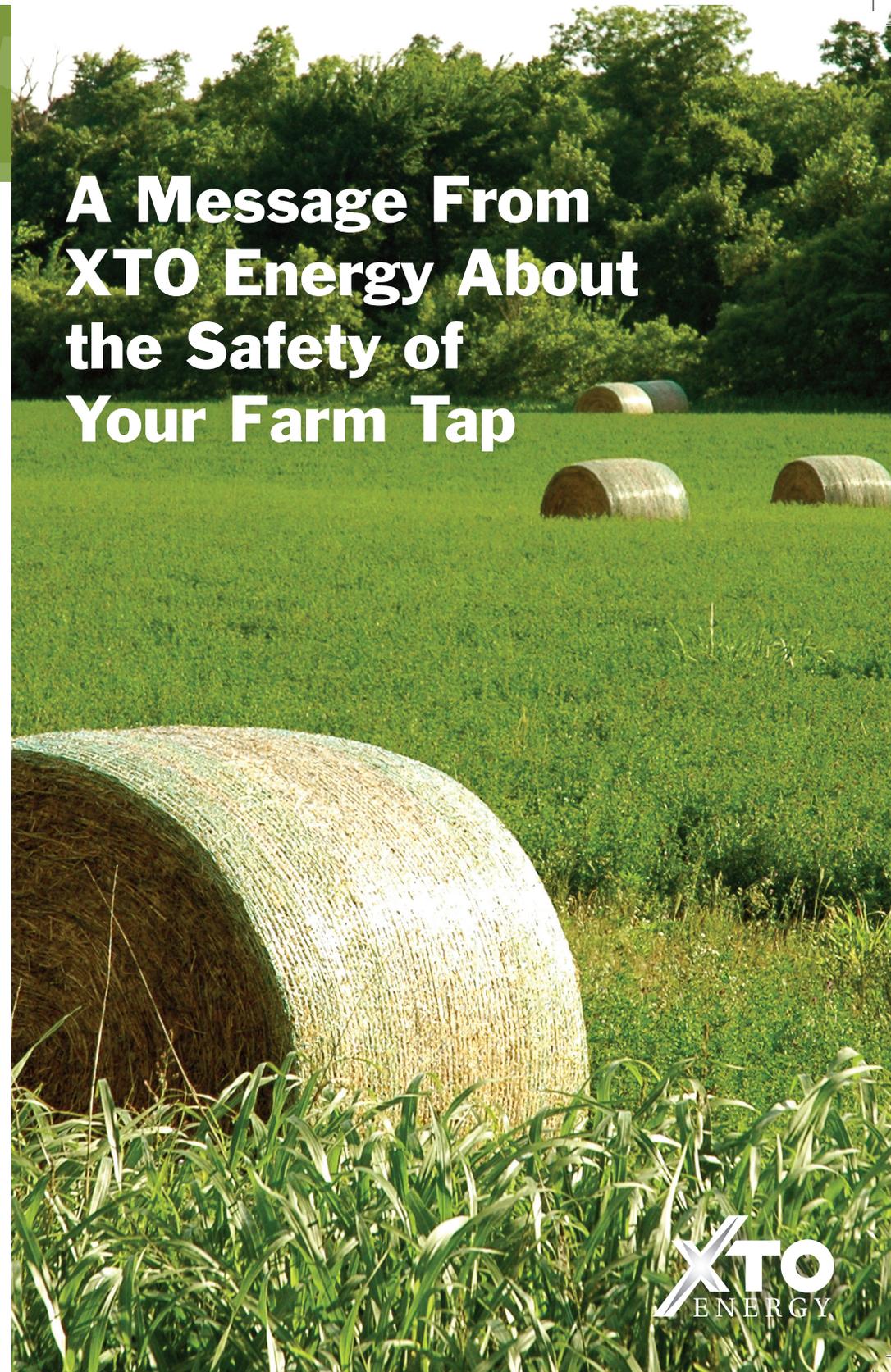
## Dig for More Information

For more information on pipelines and pipeline safety, please visit:

- XTO Energy: [www.xtoenergy.com](http://www.xtoenergy.com) or call:  
Perryton, Texas 806-435-4023  
Tyrone, Oklahoma 620-624-0800  
Ringwood, Oklahoma 580-883-2253  
McAlester, Oklahoma 918-423-0366
- U.S. Department of Transportation: [www.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov)
- National Pipeline Mapping System:  
[www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov)
- [www.pipelinesafetyinformation.com](http://www.pipelinesafetyinformation.com)



# A Message From XTO Energy About the Safety of Your Farm Tap





This information is being sent to you because our records indicate that you are receiving natural gas from a farm tap originating from a pipeline facility operated by XTO Energy or one of its subsidiaries.

## What is a farm tap?

Farm taps are mechanisms that provide natural gas to a rural homestead, industrial, or irrigation customer from a production facility or larger pipeline system. The natural gas equipment is made up of a system of valves and pipes, and in some cases regulators, relief valves and a meter. As a recipient of natural gas from a farm tap, we would like to make you aware of some of the potential risks associated with your line.

## Potential risks associated with farm taps

Among other dangers and risks, be advised that you may experience:

- Changes in gas pressures
- Loss and restoration of gas pressure
- Liquids or foreign materials in the gas stream

Because the use of this gas tap is the landowner's responsibility, it is imperative that you are familiar with the safety measures that relate to a farm tap and XTO Energy's equipment. For additional information or questions, we encourage you to contact us at 855-292-1511.

## If you hear or notice signs of a leak or rupture, take the following steps:

- **Notify 911 and XTO at 855-292-1511**
- **Evacuate to a safe area on foot and upwind or crosswind from the incident**
- **Warn others to stay away**
- **Avoid creating a spark or ignition source**

## This could result in:

- Explosions
- Damage to equipment, material or construction
- Gas leakages
- Sticking of valves or regulators

Additionally, we would like to make you aware that, due to wells or pipelines being shut-in periodically for routine maintenance, your gas supply is not a reliable or continuous source of energy. Also, note that your gas tap is subject to freeze-offs, which may disrupt your gas flow during winter months.

## What is the landowner's responsibility?

You are responsible for the maintenance, risk and expense associated with the portion of the pipeline that exists downstream from the farm tap. XTO will maintain the buried and aboveground piping that XTO owns and operates "upstream" of the piping and facilities that you use, own or manage.

To ensure the safe performance of your line, we recommend you do the following:

- Have your line tested to ensure that there are no leaks within the line.
- Check for signs of corrosion or metal loss on a frequent basis. A significant amount of corrosion can lead to a gas release.
- If a leak or other unsafe condition is found, it should be repaired immediately. If assistance is needed, other piping or plumbing contractors are a potential resource for inspection, maintenance and repair of your piping.
- When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.