# The University of Virginia's College at Wise

# NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PUBLIC AWARENESS MESSAGE

### PURPOSE AND RELIABILITY OF THE PIPELINE

The purpose of the gas pipeline is to provide our facilities with gas for their use.

The pipeline is operated and maintained to protest its integrity. The line is protected to prevent corrosion, leak surveyed, patrolled, monitored, and operated and maintained as required by federal and state laws under 49 CFR Part 192.

#### **GAS PROPERTIES**

Natural gas normally is non-toxic, tasteless, colorless and odorless. For your safety, an acrid chemical, is added to the natural gas so that you will recognize it immediately, should there ever be a leak. This chemical makes natural gas smell like Sulphur, or rotten eggs.

# **HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO A LEAK**

Possible indicators of a gas leak might include the following:

- 1. An odor of gas in a building. Or an odor of gas outside;
- 2. An odor of gas where excavation work is in progress or has recently been completed;
- 3. A hissing, roaring, or blowing sound;
- 4. Blowing or uncontrolled burning of gas;
- 5. Water bubbling or being blown in the air from water bodies or wet areas;
- 6. A fire in or near a gas appliance or piping;
- 7. Unusual dead vegetation where surrounding is normal;

If you smell natural gas Leave the building immediately, taking everyone with you. Do not re-enter the building for any reason.

1. From an outside location call the gas company.

2. From an outside location call other emergency contacts.

DO NOT: DO:

- 1. Use phone, computer, or appliances.
- 2. Touch electrical outlets, switches or door operators.
- 3. Smoke or light matches or other open flames.
- 4. Position or operate vehicles or powered equipment. 5. Do not open windows or doors.

**EMERGENCY CALL LIST** 

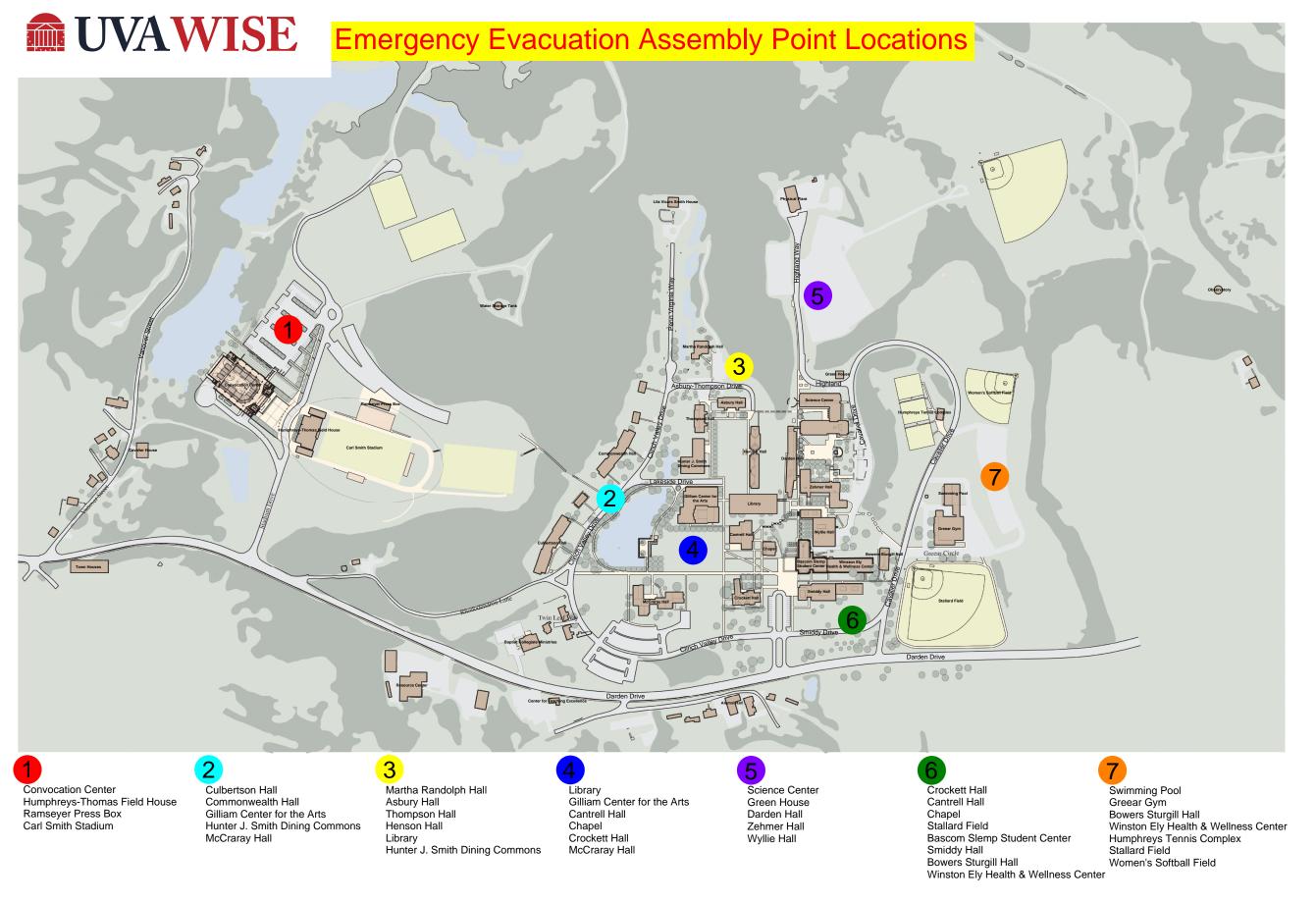
FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL 911

CAMPUS POLICE: 276-328-2677

GAS SUPPLY COMPANY: 276-698-3129 **OPERATOR CONTACT: 276-328-0196** 

## **DAMAGE PREVENTION**

No person or company shall begin any excavation on our properties before notifying our office. When notified of an excavation, we must locate our natural gas lines as Virginia Excavation Law requires. All marks for gas lines will be yellow in color. Location requests will be documented.



<sup>\*</sup>There are multiple assembly points for some locations. Use your judgement to find the assembly point that keeps you from harm's way. Any assembly point can be the right choice.