

Investing in East Harris County

Pipeline maintenance in the Lakewood neighborhood

About our work

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) will conduct ongoing pipeline maintenance in Baytown and East Harris County. We expect to replace approximately two miles of our existing crude oil pipeline in the Lakewood neighborhood between I-10 and the northwest corner of our refinery fence.



Why is this work being done?

Regular maintenance keeps our pipelines operating safely. Our integrity management program includes rigorous testing and analysis that identifies areas of a pipeline that may need additional inspection, repair or replacement. Pipeline segments selected for repair and replacement are identified through continuous analysis of inspection results.

When will any construction-type activities start?

We anticipate work to begin in early 2020.

Where will this work take place?

This work, which includes the replacement of approximately two miles of our existing crude oil pipeline in the Lakewood neighborhood, will occur between I-10 and the northwest corner of the refinery fence. It is our intent to work within and along our existing right-of-way. Replacement pipe will be installed and in compliance with all applicable regulations.

While we are seeking to keep all work within our existing corridor, additional temporary work space will be required in select locations along the route. Temporary workspace is important to make sure there's adequate room for equipment and allows crews to work safely.

What streets/schools will be affected?

As we progress through the construction work, there will be localized street closures that will affect traffic within the community. A detailed traffic plan will be available and reviewed with local city officials and residents before we begin work. Access to the middle or elementary schools will not be affected.

How will noise and other issues be managed?

We fully recognize that there will be challenges like noise and dust management that we will need to address before beginning work. We will also carefully consider the hours of operation to make sure we're not beginning work too early or ending our work days too late. These are issues that we will address with nearby property owners and residents throughout the project.

We commit to make information on the project available, but we also need to hear from you so we can quickly address any questions or concerns you have.

How will you keep landowners and community members informed on the project?

If you have an EMPCo pipeline on your property, our representatives will consult with you regarding access to our easement. We value your rights as a neighbor and we will respect your property and seek to minimize disruptions.

We strive to maintain regular communication with our neighbors and will continue to do so throughout all stages of our work.

You can also visit Baytown.exxonmobilpipeline.com to learn about project updates or submit a question.

What can I expect to see during the work?

Surveyor work along the corridor was completed in May 2018, but you may see additional survey work in the area leading up to the replacement work. Any additional access requests will be made directly by our lands contractor. You may see laying of new replacement pipeline segments and welding of new pipe. In some areas, we may store pipe and other equipment in cooperation with property owners and/or public officials.

How is a replacement pipeline constructed? What does this entail?

The process to construct a replacement pipeline is very similar to the process to build a new pipeline. Once the route has been confirmed and work space has been acquired alongside the existing corridor, crews will begin by excavating a trench along the pipeline route. Material removed from the trench will be placed on the side of the trench for re-use. The replacement pipeline segments will be laid alongside the existing pipeline, generally within the same easement. The existing pipeline will continue to be operated safely until all work has been completed and the replacement segments have been tied in, tested and prepared for operation. Issues, such as hours of operation, dust and noise management, will be discussed with nearby property owners and residents.

Why are you replacing the pipeline? Is it unsafe?

The existing pipeline continues to be safely maintained and operated.

How will you keep our community safe?

ExxonMobil Pipeline employees work hard every day to make sure our pipelines operate safely and reliably. We do this through multiple disciplines, but – first and foremost – through our comprehensive Integrity

Management Program. This includes rigorous testing of our pipelines and analysis that identifies areas that may require additional inspection, repair or replacement.

We work closely with emergency responders in each of the communities in which we operate. Pipeline releases are rare, but should one occur, we are prepared to respond quickly in partnership with local responders.

Who do I contact with questions or concerns?

We welcome any comments and questions that you have and will do our best to respond quickly. Contact us by:

- Submitting feedback directly to your project representative
- Phone: 1 (888) 804-4788
- Email: public.awareness@exxonmobil.com

