



Consumers Energy Company

BMP Distribution Partner Since 2016

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Background

Consumers Energy is one of the nation's largest combination utilities, providing electric and natural gas service to over 6 million of Michigan's residents. Consumers Energy is committed to continued investment in natural gas distribution infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable natural gas service and minimize the risk of natural gas leakage to protect our customers, the public, and the environment.

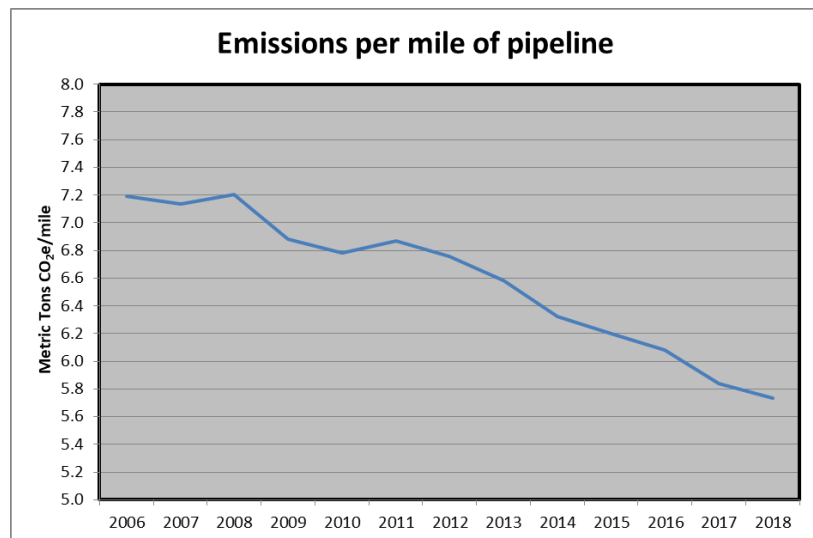
Each day, Consumers Energy brings the benefits of natural gas to our 1.7 million customers through more than 2,500 miles of high-pressure transmission pipelines and 26,400 miles of distribution gas mains. Ensuring the safety of our customers and protecting this infrastructure are critical priorities for us. Consumers Energy has been an active, consistent participant in the EPA Natural Gas STAR program since 1994. Since 2006, actions taken under pipeline safety programs, as well as voluntary activities, have resulted in the avoidance of over 1.1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions. For more information, please visit <https://new.consumersenergy.com/>.

Historical Highlights

Replacement of Vintage Pipes

Consumers Energy has been actively replacing vintage natural gas pipelines with modern materials for years. Simply put, modern materials have a much lower leak rating than old cast iron and unprotected steel. In the last 12 years, we have decreased our pipeline-based emissions by almost 15 percent, despite simultaneously increasing our total pipeline length by 7 percent. Our customers benefit from a safety, reliability, and environmental perspective from our distribution network modernization.

Emissions per mile of pipeline



Consumers Energy Company Historical Fact Sheet

Cumulative Emissions Avoided (2006 – 2018)

Since 2006, Consumers Energy has avoided over 1.1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions. By replacing vintage pipeline with modern materials, as well as taking the steps necessary to remove natural gas from pipelines prior to maintenance and removal activities, our customers benefit from a safety perspective and realize financial and environmental benefits.

