

ENSTAR'S CATHODIC PROTECTION PROGRAM

ENSTAR has around 700 miles of steel pipelines buried underground. These lines are an essential part of our pipeline system which provides heat to over 365,000 Alaskans.

ENSTAR engineers and corrosion techs work together to protect these pipelines. Corrosion techs regularly monitor these pipelines because of their exposure to dirt, water, heat, oxygen and other elements. If corrosion (rust) or any other issue is identified that might impact the pipeline's integrity, our techs send the information to our engineering department which works to find the best solution using various coatings, paints and other barriers, as well as an electrical current known as cathodic protection to protect our pipelines against corrosion.



Darryl, an ENSTAR Corrosion Tech, riding a snowmachine with leak location equipment.

Corrosion techs inspect the pipelines through a variety of ways, including on foot, by plane, and by ATVs and snowmachines. The most remote portions of ENSTAR's system can only be accessed during the winter due a lack of trail or road access. For these inspections, corrosion technicians ride snow machines equipped with natural gas detection devices. They take reads at various points along the system to confirm the integrity of our pipelines.

Corrosion inspections occur year-round and are a key part of providing safe and reliable gas service to ENSTAR's customers.

SNOWMACHINE SAFETY TIPS

In Alaska snowmachining isn't just a fun way to play in the snow, it's also a necessary way to help protect some of ENSTAR's most remote pipelines. But whether you're riding for fun or for work, always be sure you're riding safely.

- Let your family know where you plan on going and when you plan to be back. Always ride in a group for help in case you get stuck or lost.
- Bring the right equipment! Wear your helmet and goggles, and dress in layers. Bring extra machine parts, a shovel, GPS equipment, avalanche beacons, and food and water.
- Use caution and ride slower if you are unfamiliar with the area or terrain. Be aware of hidden dangers under the snow, such as: downed trees, stumps, rocks, drop offs, etc.



Photo Credit: Rusty, ENSTAR Engineering Supervisor



United Way of Anchorage

WALK 4 WARMTH

ENSTAR was once again a proud sponsor of United Way's annual Walk 4 Warmth this past February. Walk for Warmth aims to raise awareness of and funds for families and individuals who are struggling to meet expenses such as utility bills.

Walk 4 Warmth is free to join and a great way to support people in your community. For more information on this event or other ways to help your neighbors, visit United Way of Anchorage website: <https://www.liveunitedanc.org/walk-4-warmth/>



Sale of ENSTAR Natural Gas Co. to TriSummit Utilities Closes

On March 1, ENSTAR officially joins the TriSummit Utilities family of companies. This transition comes after more than 25 years of partnership with SEMCO Energy and 10 years with AltaGas, Ltd. TriSummit Utilities and ENSTAR Natural Gas are committed to continuing the history of safe and reliable gas service that ENSTAR has provided to Alaskans for over 60 years.