



**BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.**

5002 Buckeye Road  
Emmaus, PA 18049

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Dear Municipal Official:

Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Buckeye) is one of the nation's largest independent operators of petroleum pipelines and engages in numerous activities to ensure the safety of the communities where we operate. Our pipelines transport a variety of refined petroleum products and we are proud to deliver the gasoline, jet fuel, diesel and other products that fuel our nation's economy. Buckeye is committed to preventing events that might endanger our neighbors, disrupt our delivery services, or affect our excellent safety record.

The easements that were purchased by Buckeye prior to the installation of our pipelines allow Buckeye to perform general maintenance to the right of way (ROW) to ensure that it is kept clear of undesirable vegetation or other objects that could potentially affect pipeline integrity or hinder access to the pipeline. We work very closely with our neighbors to ensure their enjoyment and use of the pipeline ROW does not impact safety.

Over the next several months, Buckeye intends to perform vegetation maintenance work along its pipeline ROW in your town. This will involve the mowing of brush and removal or trimming of trees within our easements. We are doing this work to ensure that encroachments to the ROW are eliminated or minimized. Prior to working on each property, our contractor, Laurel Ridge Land Clearing, Inc., will attempt to notify each property owner along our ROW about the work to be performed. Additionally, a Buckeye Right of Way agent will be available to meet or speak with any property owner along the ROW to address their concerns or explain how their property may be affected. Buckeye will be diligent in working with property owners to settle any issues that may arise from the work, such as the removal of debris or stump grinding requests from impacted property owners/residents.

As a longtime neighbor in your community, we believe it is critical that accurate information about the upcoming ROW maintenance work be known. This is why we are informing you prior to the commencement of the work. Please contact me with any questions you may have about our vegetation maintenance activities or any pipeline questions. Additional information is contained on the back of this letter, and on Buckeye's website: [www.buckeye.com](http://www.buckeye.com).

Sincerely,

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# Why Pipeline Right of Way Clearing is Important

The clearing of Right of Way (ROW) by Buckeye Partners, L.P. is for one purpose: Public Safety.

A clear pipeline ROW enhances public safety by:

- ☑ Preventing root damage – Tree and plant roots attack pipelines and damage them.
- ☑ Allowing for a clear pathway for access to the ROW – Access to the pipeline easement is critical for the pipeline operator to monitor and inspect the area around a pipeline. It is important that the pipeline operator has unimpeded access to the pipeline at all times.

The following examples are from the *Pipeline Informed Planning Alliance* (PIPA), an initiative by the United States Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). PIPA is a partnership between PHMSA, local government planners, home builders, property developers, transmission pipeline operators and local, state, and federal officials. It was created to further enhance pipeline safety in communities throughout our Nation. (<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PIPA.htm>)

The tree to the right was planted in the ROW between two transmission pipelines, without the authorization of the pipeline operators. It may impede access to the right of way and the pipelines. Fortunately, the transmission pipelines were not damaged during planting, but if not removed from the ROW, the tree roots may cause future problems.

The pictures below illustrate the damage that tree roots can cause to pipelines, and why trees are not permitted in a pipeline right of way.

