

METHANE EMISSIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

Trussville Gas and Water understands that according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), methane is a green house gas with global warming potential. Therefore, minimizing releases of both fugitive and vented natural gas is important.

2. POLICY

Trussville Gas and Water's program to minimize releases of natural gas is as follows:

- A. Repair all reported leaks in a timely manner.
- B. Minimize, as much as possible, the amount of natural gas utilized in purging.
- C. Pressure relief valves will be checked and set appropriately in accordance with the [Pressure Regulating](#) sections of the Gas Operations and Maintenance manual to minimize the amount of gas released to the atmosphere.
- D. Pipelines that are known to leak based on material (including cast iron, unprotected steel, wrought iron, and historic plastics with known issues), design, or past operating and maintenance history of the pipeline will be scheduled for replacement.
- E. Before removing/abandoning a portion of the pipeline lower gas pressure as much as feasible.