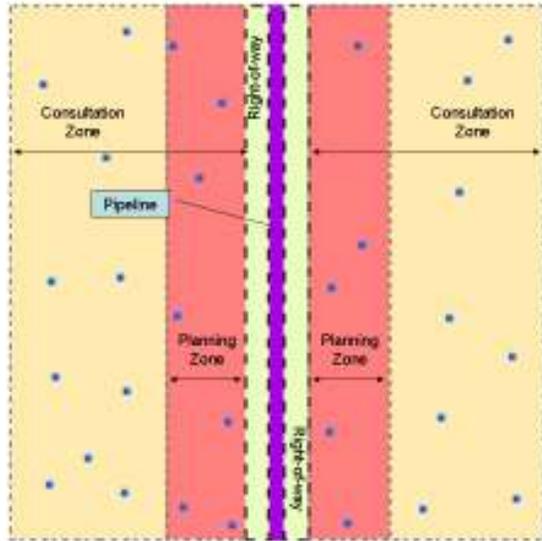


**Q: Why did the Permit Office hand me this brochure?**

**A:** You have requested a building permit to excavate at a location that falls within the **Transmission Pipeline\_Risk Reduction Overlay District Consultation or Planning Zone**. This brochure summarizes your legal duties per Brookings County Ordinance Section 24.01: *Land Use in Transmission Pipeline Overlay District* which you must perform to obtain a building permit in this location.



**Q: What is a Consultation Zone and what action is required?**

**A:** A Consultation Zone is an area extending 660 feet from each side of an existing transmission pipeline. The permit office will notify the pipeline operator of the permit request to excavate in that zone as well as of the type and size of the planned building. The property developer/owner must initiate a consultation with the transmission pipeline operator as early as possible in the development planning process. The consultation serves to: (1) protect pipelines by promoting adequate consideration of the potential safety impacts of the development on the transmission pipeline; and (2) raise awareness of the potential safety impacts of the pipeline on the development.

**Q: What is a Planning Zone and what action is required?**

**A:** The size of the Planning Zone depends on the specific characteristics of the pipeline:

- Basin Pipeline: 262' with a 60' easement
- Northern Pipeline: 117' with a 70' easement

The purpose of the Consultation Zone is to enforce the requirement for communication between property developers/owners within Brookings County and transmission pipeline operators when new development is planned within this zone.

A detailed site plan indicating the correct location of the existing pipeline is required. Hand-rendered drawings suffice. Contact the South Dakota One Call and have the pipeline located and marked. Confirm or correct the actual location of the pipeline on the site drawing and provide the drawing to the permit office. Developer/owner must contact the pipeline operator and determine if the actual excavation will occur inside their right-of-way.

- If the excavation will occur outside the pipeline operator's right-of-way, a building permit may be issued, and the permit office will notify the pipeline operator that a permit has been issued.
- If the excavation will occur within the right-of-way, the developer /owner must obtain a written and signed encroachment agreement from the pipeline operator and submit it to the permit issuing office before the office can issue a permit. The office will notify the pipeline operator that the permit has been issued and will note the exact location of the approved construction or excavation.

**Q: How do I contact the operators?**

**A:** The operators can be contacted at:

- 1) The Basin Electric Power Cooperative Pipeline  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
C/O: Director of Right-of-Way  
1717 East Interstate Avenue  
Bismarck, ND  
24hr. Emergency #: 1-800-339-5616
- 2) The Northern Natural Gas Company Pipeline  
Northern Natural Gas Company  
C/O: Director of Right-of-Way  
1111 South 103rd Street  
Omaha, NE. 68124  
24hr. Emergency #: 1-888-367-6671

**Q: How and when do I call the South Dakota One Call center?**

**A: Call 1-800-781-7474 or 811 at least 48 hours before any excavating to have the pipeline located and marked.**



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