



## **Right of Way Clearing & Vegetation Management Information**

### **Where will Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline be performing ROW Clearing & Vegetation management?**

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. ("Southern Star") operates an interstate natural gas transmission system, spanning approximately over 5,800-miles in the Midwest and mid-continent regions of the United States. Southern Star's pipeline facilities are located throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Wyoming, Colorado and Texas. Right of way clearing and vegetation management will occur on all properties that have been identified as having detrimental vegetation above our pipeline. This includes residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural properties, as well as franchise, city-owned and public areas.

### **What is an easement?**

Easement agreements are legally recorded documents that remain in effect when a property is sold to new owners. An easement agreement includes language that restricts certain uses within the right-of-way and ensures Southern Star's ability to access the area to effectively maintain, inspect and safely operate the pipeline. The easement can usually be found during a title search of documents related to the property.

### **What type of vegetation is detrimental in the area above the pipeline?**

Trees, large shrubs, and woody-stemmed plants can interfere with Southern Star's safe operation and maintenance of the pipeline, and their roots have been shown to cause damage to underground pipelines.

### **If Southern Star needs to remove a tree from their right-of-way, will it be replaced?**

No, unfortunately Southern Star will not replace a tree once it is removed. We will cut the trunk as low to the ground as feasible and the stump will be treated with an EPA-registered herbicide.

### **How can property owners or residents find out if a Southern Star pipeline crosses their property?**

Most properties do not have an underground natural gas transmission pipeline and are not subject to pipeline easements. To check if their properties are subject to an easement, property owners can: 1) review a copy of their title report and look for references to utilities, easements, rights-of-way, land use restrictions, or other language that may restrict certain land uses on or near their property; and 2) look for pipeline markers on or near their property.