‘Tis the Season... For Winter Safety

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Working in a Winter Wonderland

Ahh...it’s that time of year again. Old Man Winter is coming to Pennsylvania. Of course, the nature of our industry requires that we operate machinery and vehicles during wintry weather conditions. Because of this, we want Susquehanna County residents to know about the careful steps Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation takes to keep our operations as safe as possible through the winter season.

Preparing for Wintry Conditions
At Cabot, we feel strongly about training our employees in winter safety practices. While most of our employees in Susquehanna County are from the area and easily adapt to Pennsylvania winters, some of our employees are from other parts of the country and may not be as familiar with cold weather conditions.

Either way, all of our employees benefit from the safety training we provide.

Winter Safety Training
Each year – at the onset of winter – we hold a safety meeting to discuss and teach safe winter driving practices and techniques. This includes classroom training to prepare for a number of potentially hazardous driving conditions.

Preparing Vehicles for Winter
All Cabot vehicles that operate in Susquehanna County are equipped with 4-wheel-drive and carry tire chains – even though these are rarely needed due to efficient PennDot road preparation and clearing before and during storms.

Our vehicles also undergo regular monthly maintenance to verify their safety.

To learn more about safe winter driving, use your smartphone to scan this QR code.
Vehicle Handling
Part of our training program makes sure our drivers understand that larger and smaller vehicles have their pluses and minuses when it comes to winter driving.

Pickup trucks weigh considerably less, which can cause loss of traction much sooner than an oversized load. Although trucks bearing heavy loads may have better traction, they also take much longer to stop than our lighter vehicles. Oversized load operators must also pay close attention to the weather because they require permits and are not allowed to drive in certain adverse conditions.

Freezing All Traffic During Heavy Winter Storms
To ensure maximum safety for our drivers and the public, Cabot’s policy is to stop all company traffic during hazardous winter storms. The only reason for us to send transportation out during such a storm would be due to an emergency.

Avoiding General Cold Weather Hazards
We also hold quarterly safety meetings with our contractors to cover a range of cold weather safety topics that include how to avoid or deal with hypothermia, frostbite, slipping and falling hazards.

Wishing Everyone a Safe Winter Season
The natural gas industry is a challenging environment that calls for us to be ever vigilant to maintain safe operations under any and all conditions. During the winter months we take great care to make sure our employees operate in a manner that ensures safety for them and the residents of our community.

Cabot encourages everyone to be safe and avoid unnecessary risks during inclement weather. But rest assured that during the cold months ahead we will continue working hard to produce clean-burning natural gas that helps America stay warm and energy secure.

“The safety of our employees and community residents are always our top concern. But the challenges of winter weather remind us to be extra alert when it comes to training and how we operate.”
–George Stark
Director External Affairs
Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

All Cabot vehicles include GPS tracking devices so their locations are known at all times.
Gary Hlavinka
North Region Operations Manager

Gary has been with Cabot for over two decades. He possesses a degree in chemical engineering and has 30 years of combined experience working in the natural gas industry.

Today, Gary works as Cabot’s North Region Operations Manager. The position requires working with a team that is responsible for operating and maintaining Cabot’s wells, pipelines and production facilities. This group seeks to find ways to maximize the North Region’s daily gas production, plan for future growth, control operations costs and prescribe future production rates and forecast natural gas reserves.

Gary loves working at Cabot and admires the company’s 125-year legacy and long-term loyalty to employees. He says he “can’t even count the number of employees who have put in 20, 30 even 40 years of service here. That alone speaks volumes about what it means to work for Cabot.”

Gary truly appreciates and values the company he works for and the people he works with. “I really respect and connect with the Cabot mission to help bring economic prosperity to our communities and greater energy security to our nation,” proclaims Gary. “It’s neat to see the American dream unfold right before your eyes.”

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Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation is an independent natural gas producer and a leading developer of the natural gas supply contained in the Marcellus Shale in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

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