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**Our Commitment to the Environment**

As one of the nation’s largest natural gas distribution companies, Nicor Gas has made it a priority to be a good steward of the natural resources we all share. We believe it is important to preserve and protect our environment and leave a “green” footprint for future generations. Our efforts include protecting the rich biodiversity of northern Illinois; limiting our own energy use and managing waste responsibly; understanding and taking steps to minimize Nicor Gas’ greenhouse gas emissions profile; and helping customers lower their energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**IN THIS PUBLICATION WE ARE PLEASED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES:**

**Protecting Biodiversity**

Nicor Gas is working to leave a green footprint for future generations by taking steps to preserve our natural environment, including restoring areas of native vegetation at several of our facilities and reducing the impact of constructing new underground pipelines in environmentally sensitive areas.

**“LEEDING” the Way to Greener Buildings**

Nicor Gas makes energy efficiency a priority in its operations. Since 2008, the company has opened three new reporting centers, each featuring energy-efficient systems and some of the latest green technologies and materials. The company’s Des Plaines reporting center earned Gold certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, a recognized green building certification system.

**Creating a Greener Vehicle Fleet**

Nicor Gas’ Fleet and Field Operations departments have worked to “right size” their vehicles, replacing larger vehicles with smaller, more fuel-efficient ones wherever possible. This initiative not only reduced fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, but also inventory and vehicle maintenance costs.

**Investing in Technology to Manage Emissions**

Pneumatic controls are used to manage the pressure and volume of gas flowing through a natural gas utility’s pipeline system.

As part of normal operation, most pneumatic controls emit, or “bleed,” some gas to the atmosphere. Since 1997, Nicor Gas has replaced more than 175 high-bleed pneumatic valves at its transmission stations with newer low-bleed valves.

**Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Nicor Gas is working to minimize greenhouse gas emissions from its own operations. As a partner in the U.S. EPA’s Natural Gas STAR program, we have joined with others in the energy industry to voluntarily reduce methane emissions and, as a result, lessen the impact of global warming.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**  
 Visit [www.nicorgas.com](http://www.nicorgas.com) to download a copy of our first Sustainability Report, where you can read about what we’re doing to build and maintain a sustainable business, one that is responsive to the needs of all those whose lives we touch.

**At Nicor Gas, we feel it is a privilege to be a part of your community. We live here, we work here and we will continue to do our part to be a valued corporate citizen. And as we work to meet your community’s needs, please don’t hesitate to share your thoughts and opinions with us. Please use this form to ask questions, make recommendations and provide updated contact information. You may also send your feedback to us at [corpcom@nicor.com](mailto:corpcom@nicor.com).**

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**BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY**

This publication is intended as part of an ongoing dialogue between Nicor Gas and the business and community leaders and other stakeholders whose opinions we value. Periodically, we will issue this publication to address topics that you identified as important during our most recent Nicor Community Issues and Priorities Survey.

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For more information on Nicor's philanthropic outreach in your community, please contact Julian Brown at 630 388-2763.

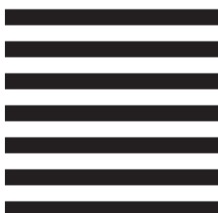
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To reach our Customer Care Center, please call 1 888 Nicor4u.

For our guidelines on grants and donations, visit [nicor.com](http://nicor.com) and click on "Nicor in the Community."

We look forward to communicating with you in the future about our other philanthropic initiatives.

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