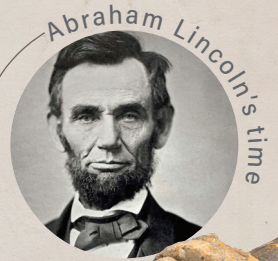


# The Peoples Gas System Modernization Program

## The program:

- Removes/replaces deteriorating cast- and ductile iron pipe with safer plastic pipe
- Upgrades system from low to medium pressure
- Moves inside meters outside

Some pipes are more than **150 years old.**



## Overview

- Oldest pipe: **1859**
- State regulators closely monitor the program
- Public quarterly reports to track program's progress, efficiency and affordability



## SMP Facts

### Safety

- Upgrade to medium pressure allows for added safety technology:
  - Automatic shut-off valves
  - Over-pressurization protection device and safety vent
- Moving inside meters outside allows for increased access:
  - 24/7 access for emergency responders
  - No need for appointment to inspect meter inside, fewer service interruptions and faster repair times
- New piping material is more resistant to corrosion and better withstands freezing Chicago temperatures, reducing natural gas leaks

### Affordability

- Illinois law minimizes cost impact to customers at an annual average of 4% of delivery service rates
- To maximize efficiencies and minimize disruptions caused by repairs and restoration, our crews focus on completing construction throughout an entire neighborhood.
- In 2018, customers received \$26M in financial assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and The Peoples Gas Share the Warmth program

### Community impact

- Sustains 2,000 highly skilled, well-paying Illinois jobs
- More than \$300M spent with minority, women and veteran-owned businesses since 2013, 85% of which was spent with Illinois businesses
- Created training program and jobs for more than 400 military veterans through the Utility Workers Military Assistance Program



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