

Mueller Co. Introduces Shur Stop™ Polyethylene Natural Gas Line Stopping System



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NO-BLO® PE Stopping Solution Provides Increased Stopping Performance through a Single Electrofusion Fitting

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 06, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mueller Co., a leading manufacturer of gas distribution products, has introduced a line stopping solution designed specifically for polyethylene (PE) pipes distributing natural gas.

The Shur Stop™ PE Line Stopping System incorporates Mueller Co.'s well-known NO-BLO® technology providing leak-free performance. It increases the safety of utility workers by giving them complete control of natural gas flow during stop off. The Shur Stop PE system is a safe alternative to pipeline "squeezing" techniques historically used by the natural gas industry.

After removing a small coupon of the polyethylene pipe, the mechanical stopper is inserted into the pipe and expanded to safely shut off natural gas flow so pipe service operations can occur.

"The Shur Stop PE system addresses the dangers inherent in working with 'hot' polyethylene gas pipelines, by giving utility workers more control over the stopping process and reducing the chance for leaks," said Nick Peyton, vice president of marketing for Mueller Co. "The same safety and quality features built into our No-Blo steel stopping systems are delivered with the Shur Stop PE system."

The lightweight system includes a number of components constructed with high-strength aluminum alloys, making the system easier to handle and operate. It also has a stopper that is mechanically expanded into the natural gas pipe, giving the operator better control of the stopping performance.

The Shur Stop PE system is designed to have the versatility to meet the requirements of specific systems, while eliminating potential pipeline stresses commonly caused by other polyethylene pipe flow control methods for natural gas pipelines.

Features of the Shur Stop PE system include:

- 125 PSI maximum working pressure to meet demands of modern natural gas PE systems
- Large machine-to-machine by-pass connections

- Electrofusion fittings compatible with industry standard universal processors
- Unique mechanical stopper provides NO-BLO performance
- Eliminates potential damage from natural gas pipeline squeezing operations

About Mueller Co.

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