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BUCKEYE PIPELINE

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You asked for background information on the Buckeye fuel pipeline in Connecticut.

SUMMARY

[Buckeye Partners, L.P.](#) owns and operates independent refined petroleum products pipeline systems in the United States, with approximately 6,100 miles of pipeline and 100 active products terminals that provide total storage capacity of over 64 million barrels. Buckeye currently serves Connecticut and Massachusetts through an approximately 100-mile pipeline that carries refined petroleum products from New Haven through central Connecticut and into Massachusetts. Running north from New Haven, the pipeline has Connecticut delivery locations in Middletown, Rocky Hill, East Hartford, Hartford, Bradley International Airport, Melrose, and Enfield. It continues into Massachusetts with locations in Springfield, Ludlow, and the Westover Air Force Base. A map of Buckeye's national pipeline system, including the Connecticut pipeline, can be found [here](#).

Buckeye operates a pipeline terminal with a 345,000 barrel capacity in [Wethersfield](#). It handles ultra-low sulfur diesel, gasoline, ethanol, and heating oil. According to Buckeye's [2012 Annual Report](#), its pipeline terminals receive products from pipelines and distribute them to third parties, who in turn deliver them to end-users and retail outlets. The facilities typically consist of multiple storage tanks and are equipped with automated truck loading equipment that is available 24 hours a day. They derive most of their revenues from various fees paid by customers.

The Buckeye pipeline also provides jet fuel to Bradley International Airport. According to the [2012 Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) for proposed renovations to the airport's Terminal B, the pipeline connects to the airport's bulk fuel storage facility along the southern property boundary. Above-ground pipes in this area connect to an underground pipeline which runs from the storage tanks to a fueling station east of Terminal A.

HYPERLINKS

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