In numbers

- Every day, BP manages more than 3,200 miles of pipelines carrying 1.1 million barrels of crude oil, natural gas liquids and refined products.
- BP also maintains 72 above-ground storage tanks with a combined capacity of about 5.3 million barrels, serving the Midwest and Pacific Northwest regions.
- BP moves more than 375,000 barrels of oil and oil equivalents across the U.S. using a fleet of 9,500 rail cars and about 850 truck deliveries per day.

In addition to the thousands of miles of pipelines it manages, BP also has an ownership stake in close to 1,500 miles of additional pipelines.

This combined network is long enough to stretch from Chicago to London.

Delivering energy across America

In 2017, BP’s U.S. Pipelines and Logistics (USPL) business formed a new master limited partnership — BP Midstream Partners LP (BPMP) — and completed the first initial public offering in BP history.

The BPMP assets include pipelines that transport onshore crude oil production to BP’s Whiting Refinery in northwest Indiana and offshore crude oil and natural gas production to key refining markets and trading and distribution hubs. USPL continues to manage the BPMP assets with BP employees.

“Americans rely on the pipelines operated by BP to safely and reliably provide the energy that fuels their daily lives,” says Clive Christison, vice president of pipelines, supply and optimization for BP’s North American fuels business. “Our extensive network of pipes keeps the country running, providing the energy for the electricity and fuel that power the vehicles, airplanes and machines that make modern life possible.”

USPL operates the 400-mile Olympic Pipeline, which moves gasoline, diesel and jet fuel from four Puget Sound refineries, including BP’s Cherry Point Refinery, to seven intermediate delivery sites and 17 terminals in the Pacific Northwest. It transports more than 12 million gallons of fuel each day, meaning it effectively does the work of around 1,400 tanker trucks.

Headquartered in Chicago, BP’s pipeline operations are managed from control centers in Oklahoma and Washington. Employees at these facilities use satellite communications and other innovative technologies, including a state-of-the-art leak detection system and an industry-leading damage prevention program, to help BP’s operations run safely and efficiently.

Commitment to safety

USPL is committed to continuous safety improvement — a commitment that the American Petroleum Institute recognized with its Occupational Safety Performance Award for large operators in 2016, the last year the award was granted. Every day, the USPL team works hard to systematically and effectively manage safety, which is central to its business operations.

Beyond the pipelines and terminals that USPL operates directly, BP also has an ownership interest in more than a dozen additional terminals in California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon and Washington.