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SOUTHERN N.M. NATURAL GAS SYSTEM EXPERIENCING LOW ODORANT LEVELS

New Mexico Gas Company alerts public to be aware of low odorant levels in natural gas in its distribution system in Southern New Mexico.

Albuquerque, NM - New Mexico Gas Company is experiencing a low odorant level in its pipelines in Southern New Mexico, impacting its distribution system in and around the towns of Alamogordo, Tularosa, Silver City, Bayard, and surrounding areas.

Under normal conditions, a natural gas leak will smell like rotten eggs. With low odorant levels, natural gas may have no smell, and therefore until further notice, individuals in the affected area should not rely exclusively upon their sense of smell to detect the presence of natural gas.

Under current conditions, it is especially important that the public be alert to other signs of a potential leak that include:

- Hissing or blowing sounds
- Standing water continuously bubbling
- Dirt or water blowing in the air
- Decay in vegetation

Individuals that are performing work on natural gas piping or that are installing natural gas appliances should not rely on smell to determine the presence of natural gas or leaks.

New Mexico Gas Company is diligently working with its upstream supplier to correct the condition. For updates from New Mexico Gas Company, visit <http://www.nmgco.com> or call the company at 1-888-664-2726. If you suspect a gas leak, please call 1-888-664-2726.