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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY WILL PERFORM SEWER SAFETY CHECKS CONTRACTOR CREWS FROM PRO PIPE START WORK APRIL 11 IN ROSWELL

ROSWELL – New Mexico Gas Company is starting a 3-year safety project in Roswell and surrounding communities where all customers’ residential and business sewer lines will undergo a precautionary inspection.

NMGC has hired a contractor, Pro Pipe, to perform the work. Crews will begin working in Roswell on Monday, April 11. They will check to confirm that no natural gas lines have been inadvertently installed through sewer lines.

Natural gas utilities across the country have identified locations where gas lines were mistakenly bored through sewer lines. Known as a cross-bore, it doesn’t create a safety hazard as long as the natural gas pipe is undamaged. However, damage can occur when equipment is used to unclog sewer pipes.

If the natural gas line is damaged, it can produce a leak that could result in a fire or explosion. This can lead to injury or death for anyone who is trying to unclog the sewer line and for anyone who is inside a residence or building that is connected to the sewer line.

“Although cross-bores are extremely rare, we are proactively conducting safety inspections to bolster the integrity and reliability of our distribution system,” New Mexico Gas Company President Ryan Shell said.

Pro Pipe will attempt to contact homeowners and business owners before performing the inspections, but crews will proceed if they are unable to connect. The inspection is done outside the residence or business and someone does not need to be there.

If natural gas lines are found to be damaged or intersecting with sewer lines, Pro Pipe will report the discovery and New Mexico Gas Company will make plans for repairs.

More information can be found on our [website](#).

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About New Mexico Gas Company

As the largest natural gas distribution utility in the state, New Mexico Gas Company provides service to more than 540,000 homes and businesses and about 1.3 million people throughout New Mexico. The Company has more than 700 employees in 26 offices, who are responsible for

safely and reliably operating 12,300 miles of pipelines across the state. New Mexico Gas Company is a subsidiary of Emera Inc. Our website is www.nmgco.com

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