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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY TO PERFORM SEWER SAFETY CHECKS
PRO PIPE CREWS WILL BEGIN 12-MONTH PROJECT IN SILVER CITY

SILVER CITY, N.M. – New Mexico Gas Company is starting a 12-month safety project in Silver City 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 Tuesday, May 26, checking 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," NMGC 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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