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La Porte Natural Gas Line Inspection Project Underway *Residents may notice natural gas odor, flare and noise*

Merrillville, Ind. — Beginning Thursday, June 7, NIPSCO and contracted crews from Minnesota Limited will be inspecting a natural gas transmission in La Porte, Indiana. Residents and businesses in the La Porte area may see a 30-foot-high flare stack and experience natural gas odors in the air as a result of the routine procedure.

The project is located near the intersection of US HWY 35 and I-90, and work is expected to last for 12 hours beginning at noon, weather permitting. Residents within two miles of the project site will hear loud noise. Customers are not expected to experience any interruptions to their existing natural gas service.

For your safety, whenever you detect natural gas odors (even if you suspect it's related to this project), NIPSCO encourages you to call 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726). A service technician will be sent to check the safety of the area.

Detecting a Gas Leak

Since natural gas is colorless and odorless, NIPSCO adds a harmless, non-toxic chemical that makes it easier to detect a gas leak before it can create a hazardous situation. The chemical, called mercaptan, smells a lot like rotten eggs.

When You Smell Gas Outside

If you suspect a leak outside, turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you might be using and:

- leave the area quickly;
- warn others to stay away from the area;
- report the gas odor, just as you would report a Similar odor inside your home (note that gas leaks from service lines can migrate into your home through walls or drain lines); and
- remain outside until NIPSCO can send someone to check on the source of the odor.

For more safety related information, visit NIPSCO.com/StaySafe.

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