

## **Northville Compressor Station Odorant Issue Statement**

On Tuesday, October 8 Consumers Energy employees at its Northville Compressor Station were removing natural gas from a pipeline by venting it to the atmosphere according to normal operating procedures, so maintenance work could be safely performed. This section of pipeline is located near equipment that adds odorant to natural gas giving it the distinct smell. Some of this odorant remained in the line when the natural gas was vented, resulting in customer calls of possible gas leaks. Consumers Energy responded to all these emergency calls and determined they were caused by the smell of odorant and not the presence of natural gas from a leak. Today, Wednesday, October 9 crews are again venting natural gas so that maintenance work can continue. Nearby landowners may hear the distinct sound of venting gas, but we are taking additional precautions to help prevent any additional odorant issues from the controlled venting of gas.

Maintenance at this facility is expected to be completed in the next three weeks. Precautionary measures will be in place for the remainder of the project to prevent additional odor issues because of this work.

We appreciate the prompt response yesterday by the Northville Fire Department to this issue and thank our customers and landowners for their patience as we work to complete this natural gas reliability work.

Consumers Energy responds to natural gas emergencies 24/7. Call 800-477-5050 to report any suspected gas leak.