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NewsFlash



Loudoun County Actively Monitoring Gasoline Situation From Colonial Pipeline Cyberattack

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The Board of Supervisors and Loudoun County staff are aware that some area gas stations have run low or completely out of gasoline stemming from last Friday's widely reported ransomware cyberattack resulting in temporary shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline, which serves as a major source of gasoline along the east coast of the U.S.

Currently, the impact of this situation is expected to last a few more days and be resolved within a week.

On Tuesday, May 11, Governor Ralph Northam [declared a State of Emergency](#), which provides the Commonwealth of Virginia some flexibility in addressing supply shortages over the coming days. As such, Loudoun County has taken steps to ensure an adequate amount of fuel for the continuity of County government operations.

Yesterday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [took action](#) to help alleviate fuel shortages in Virginia and other impacted states.

Loudoun County is authorized by the Code (Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act § [59.1-525](#)) to investigate any incidents of price gouging. Incidents of price gouging may be reported to the Office of the Attorney General through its [consumer protection website](#).

At this point, we ask for patience as the situation continues to evolve. The American Automobile Association (AAA) encourages members of the public not to panic, reporting that panic buying can create spot shortages at stations during the temporary pipeline shutdown.

My office will provide additional information if warranted as the County learns more about the impact to our community; however, barring an additional cyberattack, we expect the situation to resolve itself within about a week.

Coronavirus - We're in it together, we'll get through it together - Tony

Be safe!



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