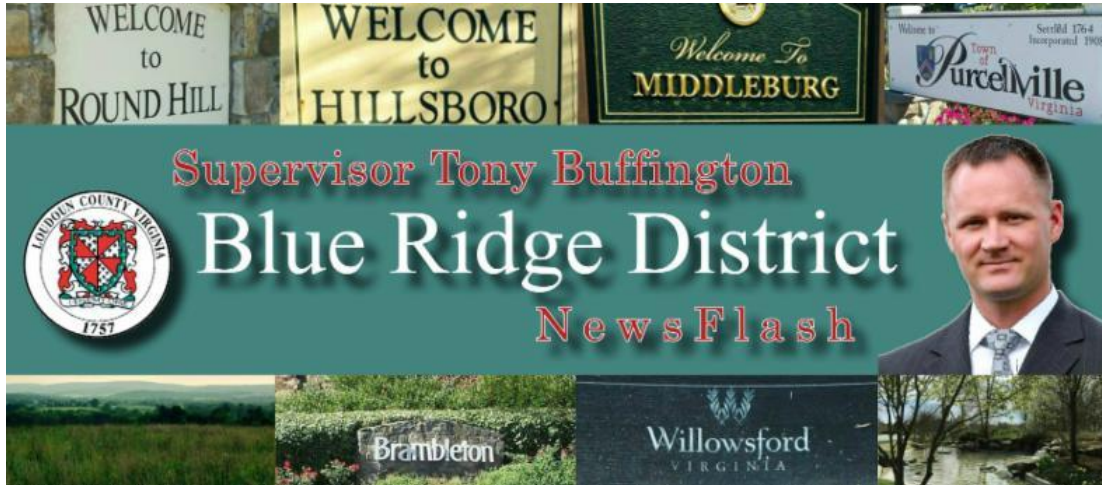


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Dominion Compressor Station Scheduled Venting Monday, June 19, 2017



I wanted to make you aware that on Monday, June 19, Dominion Energy will conduct a scheduled natural gas venting from its Loudoun Compressor Station located along Watson Road. Below is a message from Dominion regarding its scheduled venting operation:

The venting is necessary to complete required replacement of certain pipeline segments and tie-ins to existing pipeline as well as necessary annual testing and inspections.

Depending on weather and other conditions, the venting will start between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on June 19th, at the Leesburg Compressor Station. The venting will last approximately three to four hours. The natural gas will be vented through the silencers at the Leesburg station to mitigate noise.

The work associated with the planned venting will be performed by trained and experienced personnel and should be completed by June 23rd. At that time, the pipeline will be purged of air, and natural gas will be injected for the resumption of service.

Why is it necessary to remove natural gas from 7.5 miles of transmission pipeline? The venting is necessary to make the pipeline safe for workers to complete three essential projects.

What are the three projects? In the first project, Dominion Energy will replace approximately 1,400 feet of existing transmission pipeline between the Leesburg Compressor Station and Cochran Mill Road. The existing pipeline is in excellent condition. However, residential and commercial development has been constructed closer to the pipeline. Under federal pipeline safety regulations, the development has triggered the requirement to replace the existing pipeline with thicker pipeline.

The second project is located at the Leesburg Compressor Station and involves the connection of new equipment at the station to the existing pipeline network. This work is the final stage of a project to provide natural gas supply to existing and new electric-generating facilities including the Panda Stonewall plant in Leesburg, VA. This will help offset the retirement of old, coal-fired power plants in the coming years.

As a third project, the venting will provide an opportunity for critical annual testing and inspections at the Leesburg Compressor Station.

What will Dominion Energy do to monitor the pipeline venting? Dominion Energy is taking several steps to ensure a smooth and safe operation. Pressure in the pipeline will be reduced as much as possible to reduce the amount of gas to be vented (while still providing enough pressure for customer usage). In addition, Dominion Energy personnel will monitor the weather to avoid conditions that could contribute to the detection of natural gas farther from the compressor station.

Will Dominion Energy keep Loudoun County emergency management personnel informed about the status of the venting operation? Dominion Energy will contact the Loudoun County Emergency Management Office before the start of the venting operation and provide updates as necessary.

Dominion Energy's planned pipeline venting on June 19th will allow the completion of essential upgrades to the natural gas transmission pipeline. We appreciate your

patience as we work to increase the safe and efficient operation of the pipeline system.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Dominion directly at this e-mail address, LDNCCompressorstations@dominionenergy.com

Note: The above message was provided to my office by Dominion Energy.

All my best,



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