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UPDATE 4:30 p.m.

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 25, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police have cleared the scene at this morning's Burnetts Mill gas leak. Virginia Natural Gas officials advise the leak has been secured and the affected road has reopened to thru traffic for the evening. Repairs and resurfacing efforts will continue.

UPDATE 12:00 p.m.

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 25, 2014) Virginia Natural Gas officials have ceased all vehicular traffic in the area of the gas leak while repairs continue to the underground ruptured 4" gas line. It is anticipated that these repairs could take several additional hours.

Residents of the Burnetts Mill community are permitted in and out of the neighborhood via foot traffic only. Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police remain on scene.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 25, 2014) One lane of traffic was opened and residents were able to exit the neighborhood at approximately 7:13 a.m. Traffic is currently being alternated as Virginia Natural Gas crews continue repairs to the ruptured gas line.

Suffolk Public School buses were permitted to enter the neighborhood to pick-up students.

Virginia Natural Gas advises that it will take several more hours for them to complete repairs to the gas line, after which crews from Suffolk Public Works will repair the affected roadway.

ROADWAY CLOSED DUE TO GAS LEAK

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 25, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue is currently on the scene of an underground gas leak in the roadway at the entrance to the Burnetts Mill neighborhood off of Godwin Boulevard/Route 10.

Emergency Communications received the call at 4:38 a.m.

The roadway is completely blocked in both directions at Burnetts Way and Burnetts Court. No evacuation is required however, residents are encouraged to shelter in place.

Virginia Natural Gas officials are currently en route.

The bus garage for Suffolk Public Schools has been notified as buses will not be able to enter the neighborhood to pick-up students at this time.

Suffolk Police are also on scene providing security and traffic control. An update will be provided as soon as additional information is available.

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