



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

There will be another venting at 9:00 am on Monday, October 3rd at the Loudoun Compressor Station on Cove Point Lane in Leesburg.

After the last venting, I spoke to Dominion officials about the importance of earlier notification so we can better anticipate the possibility of smelling the natural gas odorant. I also requested that Dominion consider weather forecasts when scheduling venting activities.

Unlike the Monday, September 26th event, the October 3rd venting will complete the process by purging mostly air from the pipeline. After that, natural gas will be re-introduced into the pipeline. The venting process should take approximately 15 minutes. During this event, some trace amounts of natural gas odorant may be evacuated from the pipeline. Natural gas has no odor. An odorant is added to natural gas as a matter of public safety. The odorant itself is not a safety risk.

This routine and safe procedure will be handled by specially trained personnel. In addition, local emergency management officials will be notified before and upon completion of the event. The air that will be purged from the pipeline will go through a silencer at the compressor station to eliminate as much sound as possible.

I appreciate your patience and understanding during these upgrades.

Kind Regards,

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