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RUPTURED GAS LINE CLOSES PORTION OF PURNELL ROAD

WAKE FOREST, NC – February 3, 2011 – A construction crew performing boring work off of Purnell Road near the Waters Edge Subdivision ruptured a natural gas line Thursday afternoon.

Purnell Road is closed between Jackson and Bud Smith Roads while crews from PSNC Energy work to install a bypass valve. The repairs are expected to be completed by midnight.

According to Wake Forest Fire Department spokesman Daryl Cash, the entrance to the Waters Edge Subdivision is also closed, so traffic cannot enter or exit the neighborhood.

Officials continue to monitor the gas levels in the area, but Cash says the gas is dissipating well and no evacuations are expected. Residents are urged to remain indoors, however, and motorists should avoid the area.

For more information, contact Cash at (919) 761-3969.

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