

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – Update issued at noon

New Jersey Natural Gas today provided the following operational updates of our restoration of natural gas service to the hurricane-damaged portions of our system:

Monmouth County

In Sea Bright, we have restored natural gas service to the sewerage authority and other public facilities, and natural gas is now available at 180 meters.

In coastal Monmouth County, we have completed 98 percent of our initial service assessments. In Manasquan, we installed six new services.

Bay Head to Seaside

Extensive infrastructure repair and replacement is ongoing. To prepare for the sectionalization of our main, we have begun installing the valves that will allow natural gas to be reintroduced in sections, once we have completed main repairs and replacement. We are continuing to mobilize for the replacement of main that was damaged near the Mantoloking Bridge. Access remains an issue, and conditions on the ground change daily.

Ocean County Mainland

We have completed 40,780 service assessments. 3,200 meters are ready for natural gas restoration, and 992 meters have been turned back on.

Long Beach Island

We have restored natural gas service to Surf City's water well, fire house, department of public works, municipal building and pharmacy. Natural gas is now available at 835 meters.

Today, we are re-introducing natural gas into the third section of our main on Long Beach Island, from Sherwood Way to James Street. We expect to move onto the fourth section tomorrow, from East Bergen Avenue to East 86th Street.

Meters are now being rebuilt in the sections where natural gas has been reintroduced. Once a meter has been re-established and you see a tag on the customer gas valve just past your meter, your home's natural gas service may be turned on by your qualified technician-- but only after electricity has been restored, you have safely returned to your home, and your qualified technician has determined that your natural gas equipment is safe to operate.

Scheduling, details and updates on our LBI restoration work are available at www.njng.com/safety/hurricane-sandy-updates/lbi-service-restoration.asp.

Federal, New Jersey and local safety codes prohibit tampering with natural gas meters and service lines. Even if natural gas service has not yet been restored to your area, this could significantly hamper efforts to restore service.

If you smell an odor of natural gas, leave the building immediately. Do not light matches, touch electrical switches or appliances, or use your telephone. From a safe location, customers should notify us of all gas leaks immediately at 1-800-GAS-LEAK.

For additional information, visit our Hurricane Sandy Resource Center at www.njng.com.

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