

**NATURAL GAS FILLED STRUCTURE – NO FIRE**

**Purpose:**

To establish guidelines for the receipt and handling of incidents involving natural gas leaks in a structure.

**Guidelines:**

- A. Notify PSCC to have Cinergy respond where an odor of gas is present.
- B. Spot apparatus a safe distance from the address of the leak, the first due apparatus may enter the block area of the leak and all other responding apparatus shall stage one block from the address of the leak.
- C. Request traffic control from law enforcement if needed.
- D. Consider immediate evacuation of the structure and exposures as needed.
- E. Try and determine the location of the gas leak, if possible, with the gas leak detector prior to the arrival of Cinergy.

**Safety:**

- A. All personnel involved in the operation shall be in full PPE and breathing apparatus.
- B. Ventilate the structure by opening windows and doors from outside.
- C. Do not operate electric switches in the building.
- D. Natural gas does not contain carbon monoxide or other toxic products, but in a sufficient amount it can be suffocating.
- E. Natural gas is lighter than air so always check/ventilate upper levels of the structure and place apparatus accordingly.

**Control Utilities:**

- A. Shut off the gas supply at the meter or curb valve.
- B. Shut off the electric power to the building to prevent appliances from coming on.
- C. Suppress or remove any other sources of ignition in the immediate area.
- D. Do not attempt to shut down main line gas valves. Cinergy personnel should only perform this procedure.

**Operations:**

- A. Shut off the utilities.
- B. Ventilate the structure from the outside.
- C. Consider establishing a water supply in case of explosion and/or fire.

- D. Evacuate any endangered occupants in the structure as well as surrounding exposures.
- E. Restoration of gas service should only be done by Cinergy personnel.
- F. Allow occupants back into the structure only after levels have been reduced to 0% and Cinergy personnel concur.