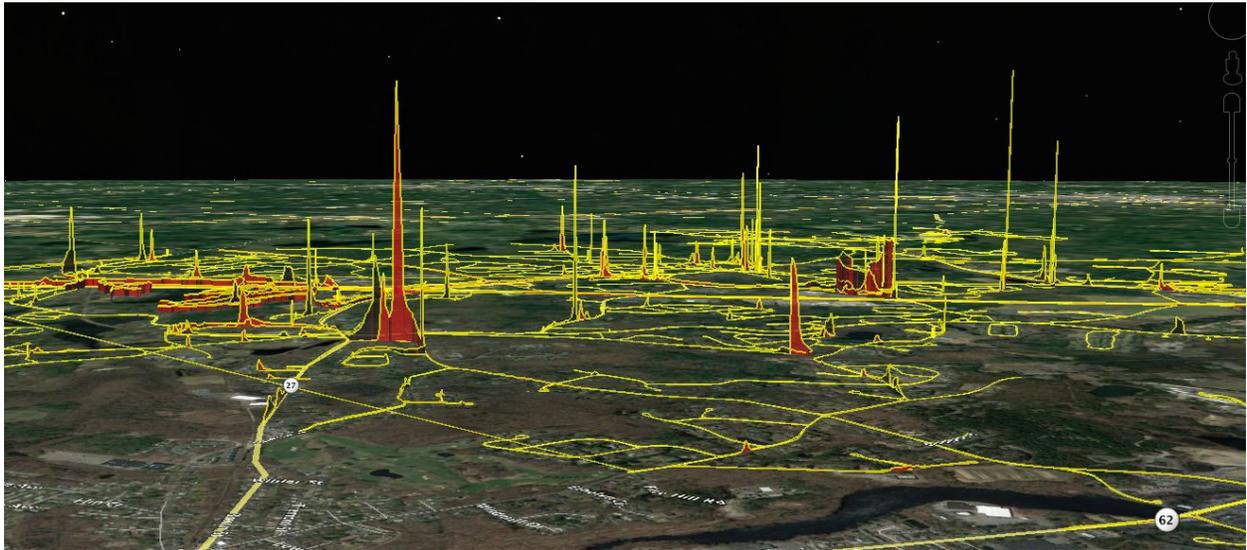


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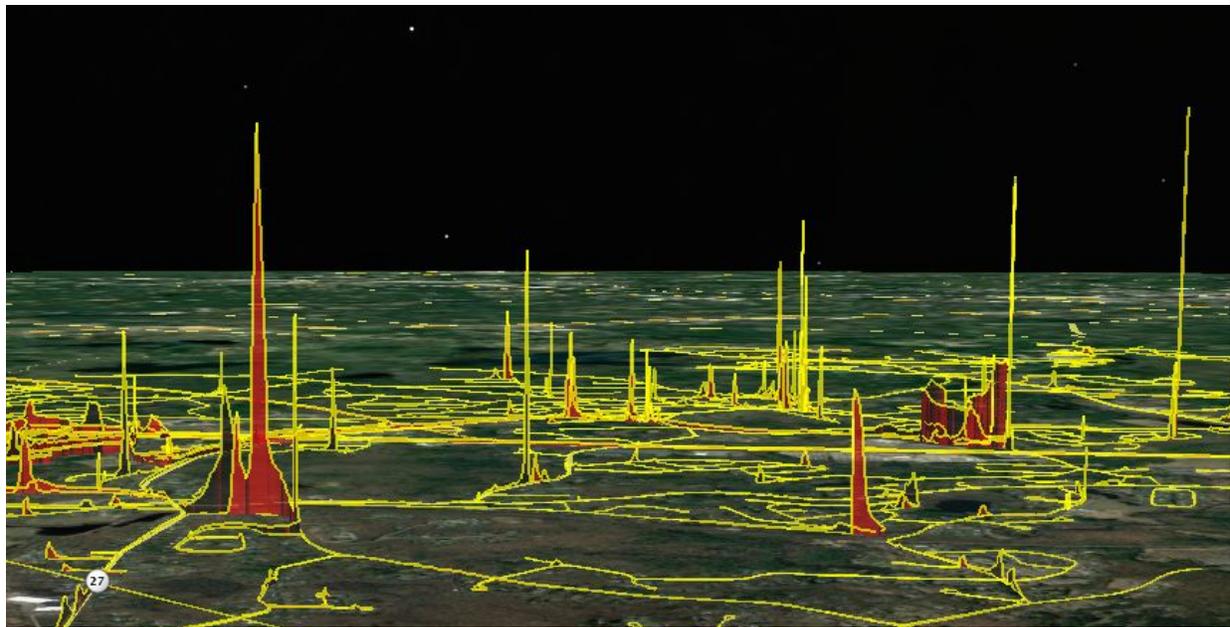
## Acton Methane Survey

Pursuant to a contract with the Town of Acton, Gas Safety Inc. (GSI) conducted a methane survey of the public roadways in the Town of Acton, Massachusetts from 10/18/2017 to 12/31/2017.

### Procedure:

Gas Safety Inc. conducted a mobile driving survey of public roadways utilizing a Cavity Ringdown Spectrometer (CRDS) mobile CH<sub>4</sub> instrument, along with an industry-standard mobile vehicle mounted Flame Ionization Unit (FIU). All public roadways were surveyed with the analyzer on both sides of each street.

The CRDS samples the air approximately every second and records the level of methane in parts per billion while recording the corresponding GPS coordinates that facilitates mapping in GIS software such as Google Earth. Pipe-quality natural gas is over 90% methane.



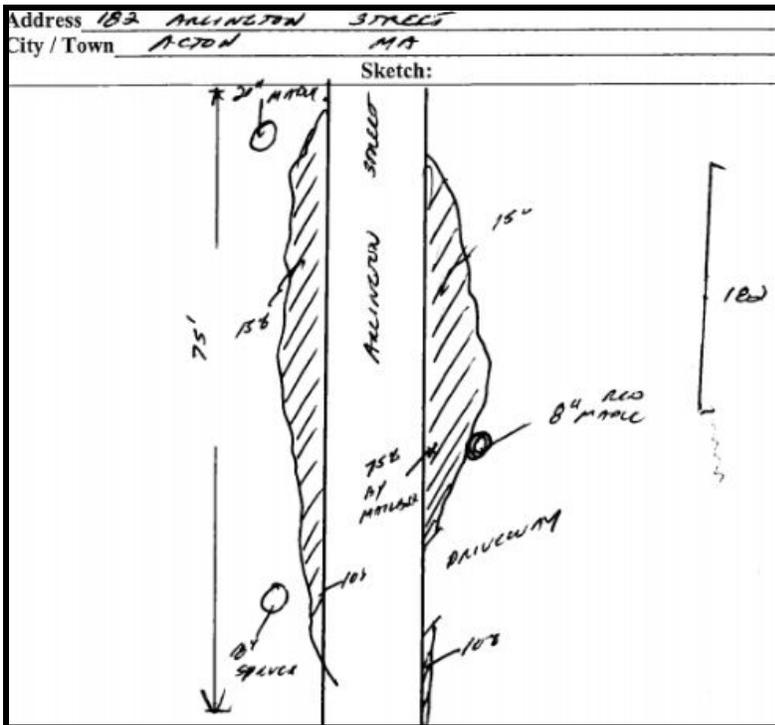
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Yellow lines show where the mobile survey vehicle drove. Spikes show elevated levels of methane.



All Elevated Methane Levels (EMLS) indicated by the CRDS or vehicle mounted FIU were investigated with an industry standard portable FIU to determine the source of the elevation. Typically, methane readings from stationary sources will have easily repeatable readings, ie: pipeline leaks, landfill emissions, failed septic systems, etc. where non stationary sources (mostly vehicle and small engine exhaust) typically will not repeat upon secondary investigation with either the CRDS or FIU.

All FIU leak indications from below-ground pipes were verified with an industry standard Bascom-Turner Sentry Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) percent gas in air readings from 6" plunger bar holes into the subsoil. Any leaks indicated on above ground exposed pipe (fit or fitting leaks) were verified with soap solution.



**Leak Grade:** Each leak was graded or classified using Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Leak Classification Guidelines - see Appendix for more information.

**Leak Reports:** Each leak was documented on a Gas Safety Inc. leak report. The reports include each leak's address, leak grade, leak migration extent and any trees that were in the leak migration area.

Each report has a field sketch showing the street from above (not to scale).

The shaded area delineates the migration area of the gas-saturated soil as indicated by flame ionization readings and verified with combustible gas indicator gas in air readings taken from 6" plunger bar test holes. Where the soil was tested for the presence of gas, the percent of gas in air in the soil is noted (i.e. 10%). Trees, manholes and other items are noted.

Any leak discovered that was not documented on the HEET outstanding gas leak map according to National Grid reported data, were reported to National Grid via recorded emergency gas leak line 1-800-233-5325. The time of each call is recorded on the bottom of each leak report. If the leak was outstanding at the time of detection, the National Grid leak number was recorded on each leak report. All leak reports are in the attachments.

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## Reasons to Care about Gas Leaks

### Safety:

Natural gas pipelines are an inherent safety hazard due to the fact that leaking natural gas can explode and cause harm to persons and property. Any excavation into the subsoil of more than 6" requires a call to "Dig Safe" that notifies all owners of underground structures that an excavation is taking place and requires the owner of any facility to mark out where these facilities exist. Third party "hits" of gas pipelines is the number one cause of pipeline incidents. Please call Dig Safe before any excavations. It's the law.

The Acton gas system is an intermediate pressure (60 psi) system composed mostly of steel and plastic pipelines. The original steel system is old and susceptible to corrosion and the corrosion is the culprit in most of the leaks detected in Acton. With such high pressure (60 psi), small leaks could quickly turn into large leaks that may require immediate repair to avoid an incident.

A grade three leak is non hazardous at the time of detection and is **expected to remain non hazardous.**

High volume emitting leaks and leaks that may be in close proximity to buildings or confined spaces where gas could migrate to a building during frost or frozen ground conditions or build up in a confined space such as a manhole or vault should be graded as a potential future hazard (grade 2) and scheduled for repair.

Any leak that is an existing potential hazard (grade 1) requires continuous action until the hazard no longer exists.

Existing known gas leaks that can be smelled should be called into first responders as one will never know when a new hazardous leak may occur. Many people get complacent with ongoing gas odors in their neighborhood and are now at risk for not calling in a new potentially hazardous leak that occurs in the vicinity of the non hazardous leak.

Fugitive natural gas is known to increase ozone and represents a respiratory health hazard.

**Emissions:**

Pipe-quality natural gas is over 90% methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas more than 30 times more damaging than carbon dioxide for the first 100 years it's in the atmosphere.

**Climate Impact of Natural Gas Leaks:** A 2014 Harvard/Boston University study<sup>1</sup> put ethane-sensors on the top of tall buildings around Boston. Ethane is a chemical marker found only in natural gas. From the amount of ethane found, the researchers calculated that 2.7% of all the gas in the state is lost into the atmosphere before it can be used.

Because of the power of methane, that small amount of unburned gas is equivalent to 10% of the state's GHG Emissions Inventory --or roughly equal to the emissions of all our stores and businesses.

**Trees:**

Leaking natural gas displaces ambient subsurface air that has approximately 20% oxygen with a balance of nitrogen (same as above ground air we breathe) thus reducing the needed oxygen for healthy root respiration. A microscopic organism, methanotroph, consumes methane and oxygen that further reduces the needed oxygen. The natural gas is also very dry and causes fine root death and subsequent decline of the tree. Weakened trees are then susceptible to disease, insects etc and usually show a slow decline and ultimately are removed if the leak is not repaired.

Any leak that migrates to the root zone or drip line of any tree has the potential to damage the tree and should be repaired as soon as possible to prevent any damage. Repairing leaks that have migrated to the root zone / drip line of trees will in many instances bring the tree back to good health.

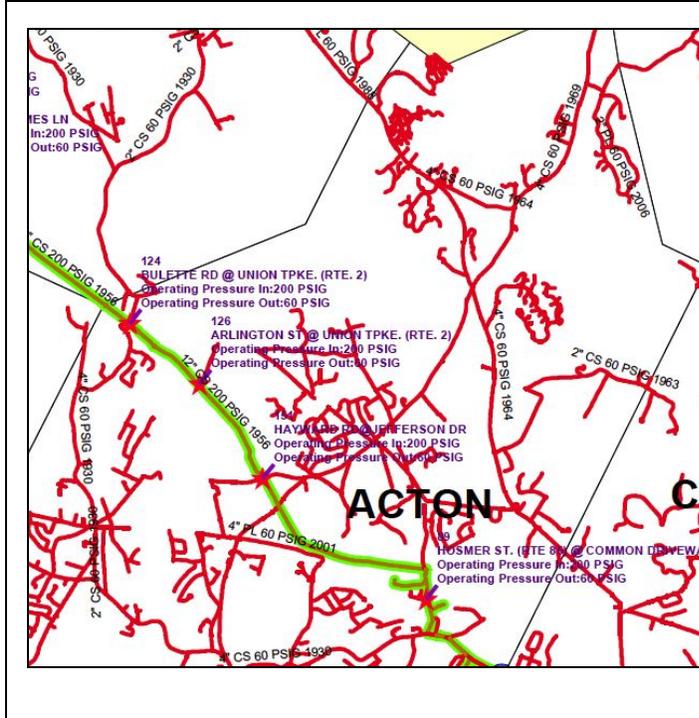
**Lost and Unaccounted for Gas (LUAF) Wasted Money:**

All leaking gas is accounted for by each utility and is paid for by ratepayers. Customers pay for all of the leaking gas resulting in no incentive other than safety for a gas company to repair a leak.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pnas.org/content/112/7/1941.full>

## Pipeline Pressure



Whereas urban areas such as Boston have 1/2 pound per square inch of pressure in its gas pipes, the gas pipes in Acton have 60 pounds per square inch pressure. Any leak in an Acton pipe is thus likely to push gas out 120 times faster than the same size leak in Boston.

The image shows a detail of a National Grid Map showing pressure in the pipes. Pipes in red are at 60 pounds per square inch.

## Acton Methane Survey Results

### Verified Leaks

Gas Safety Inc investigated 265 Elevated Methane Levels that resulted in 234 verified natural gas pipeline leaks (231 leaks from underground pipes, 3 from above ground exposed piping fitting leaks) throughout the Town of Acton, MA. National Grid had 119 of the 234 verified leaks on record as existing grade 2 or grade 3 leaks according to NGRID annual service report. A list of all verified leak locations is in the appendix with a corresponding digital copy of leak reports and a KML file of GPS coordinates for plotting purposes.

### Large Volume Leaks:

23 leaks in Acton were 2,000 square feet or larger.

Recent research has proven the 5/50 rule.<sup>2</sup> This is the rule that just 5% of the leaks are much bigger than the rest (this rule holds from gas wells all the way through to the pipes under our streets), emitting fully 50% of the emissions. Fixing these “super-emitting” leaks would of course reduce overall emissions from gas leaks in the fastest and least expensive way.

HEET’s 2016 Large Volume Leak Study<sup>3</sup> found that leaks with a surface area of of 2,000 square feet and larger of gas-saturated soil were likely to be super-emitting.

Fixing these 23 oversized leaks in Acton would be the fastest way to reduce emissions. A list of High Volume Leaks is in the appendix.

### **Trees:**

There were 82 leaks detected that had 120 tree locations where natural gas had migrated and was recorded within the root zone / drip line of trees at the location or where evidence existed of a tree that was recently removed. These leaks should be repaired as soon as possible to prevent any injury or further injury to the trees. A list of tree locations is in the appendix.

### **Non Pipeline Elevated Methane Levels**

The CRDS measures methane in parts per billion and can detect methane from any source including but not limited to sewer gas, landfills, swamps, car exhaust, ruminant animals, composting operations and natural gas pipeline leaks. Typically an ongoing pipeline leak will have repeatable readings and other stable sources will also repeat. Often times on dead end streets the CRDS will pick up a few parts per billion from vehicle car exhaust. Other times a ch4 reading will not repeat indicating a non stationary source of the original methane reading (mostly exhaust from internal combustion engines). All of the EML locations were re-tested with the CRDS and investigated with the Portable Flame Ionization Unit regardless of the CRDS readings on the second pass. Notes were taken of suspected sources of repeated positive CRDS indications that were not from pipeline leaks. All non pipeline data is included in the appendix.

### **Conclusion**

GSI combination Cavity ringdown spectrometer / Flame Ionization survey detected and investigated 265 Elevated Methane Level locations that resulted in 234 verified natural gas pipeline leaks within the town of Acton with 1 grade 1, 94 grade 2 and 139 grade 3 leaks. There were 23 leaks that had migration areas of 2000 square feet or more that have been identified as potential super emitter gas leaks. There were 82 leak locations where natural gas had migrated

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<sup>2</sup> <https://news.stanford.edu/2016/10/26/super-emitters-responsible-bulk-u-s-methane-emissions/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.heetma.org/fixbiggasleaks/study-videos/>

to the root zone / drip line of 120 trees or tree removal sites. All verified leaks have been documented with gps coordinates and can be plotted using GIS software. There were 31 locations that had Elevated Methane Levels from other identified sources or did not repeat the initial reading upon investigation with both CRDS and industry standard portable Flame Ionization Unit detectors and were deemed most likely from non stationary sources. Gas Safety Inc. will supply via data sharing the CRDS analyzer dat files that show all readings in parts per billion with corresponding GPS coordinates, Keyhole Markup Language (KML) processed files, leak reports and spreadsheet with notes on non pipeline associated Elevated Methane Level locations. All personnel at Gas Safety Inc. are Department of Transportation Operator Qualified in all covered tasks regarding odor complaint investigation, leak survey and leak classification.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions regarding this report.

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**Attachments:**

- 234 leak reports
- KML files
- Dat files

**Appendix**

- 1. All Leaks**
- 2. Newly Reported Leaks**
- 3. High Volume Leaks**
- 4. Leaks with Trees**
- 5. Non Pipeline Elevated Methane Level locations**
- 6. Department of Transportation Pipeline Hazardous Materials Administration Natural Gas leak Classification Guide**

**1. All Leaks**

Date	#	Street	Suffix	Grade	Sq FT	Trees	Leak #	% Gas
11/14/2017	29	Alcott	Street	2	350	2	12:15 PM	50
11/14/2017	33	Alcott	Street	3	75	0	12:28 PM	40
11/14/2017	59	Alcott	Street	2	100	1	1:30 PM	50
11/1/2017	2	Algonquin	Road	3	1	0	1372123	25
11/2/2017	19	Arborwood	Road	3	25	0	1392020	40
11/6/2017	51	Arlington	Street	2	fit	0	1372151	fit
11/1/2017	182	Arlington	Street	2	2500	3	12:10 PM	75
11/6/2017	250	Arlington	Street	2	2000	0	9:56 AM	75
10/24/2017	306	Arlington	Street	3	25	0	1372174	20
10/24/2017	315	Arlington	Street	3	1200	1	7323442	75
10/24/2017	355	Arlington	Street	3	50	0	110929	10
10/26/2017	423	Arlington	Street	2	1000	1	248707	85
10/24/2017	5	Betsy Ross	Circle	3	50	0	1396845	40
12/8/2017	19	Billings	Street	3	75	0	2:56 PM	30
11/9/2017	23	Birch Ridge	Road	2	150	1	8:30 AM	70
11/27/2017	30	Black Horse	Drive	3	1	0	1:00 PM	1
11/20/2017		Broadview at Valley	Street	3	1	0	10:13 AM	50
12/5/2017	13	Brucewood	Road	3	100	0	12:59 PM	40
11/13/2017	6	Brucewood	Road	2	50	1	8:56 AM	15

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11/2/2017		Brucewood at Driftwood	Road	3	100	0	234583	10
11/2/2017		Brucewood at Piper	Road	3	100	0	234587	15
11/15/2017		Carriage at River Street	Drive	3	25	0	1:50 PM	15
11/1/2017	2	Central	Street	2	300	0	9:05 AM	70
11/27/2017	31	Central	Street	3	45	0	8:04 AM	10
11/1/2017	40	Central	Street	3	120	0	43797	10
11/27/2017	45	Central	Street	3	50	0	8:13 AM	15
11/1/2017	58	Central	Street	2	900	1	248714	60
11/27/2017	73	Central	Street	3	150	1	10:23 AM	50
11/1/2017	143	Central	Street	3	25	0	5200466	15
11/1/2017	194	Central	Street	2	1500	1	1373756	40
11/1/2017	237	Central	Street	2	75	1	137813	20
12/21/2017	248	Central	Street	3	100	0	11:23 AM	15
10/28/2017	267	Central	Street	2	175	2	1373813	45
12/1/2017	378	Central	Street	2	400	0	9:31 AM	50
11/1/2017	37	Central	Street	2	2000	0	9:54 AM	90
11/1/2017	54	Central	Street	2	450	0	10:37 AM	90
11/27/2017	204	Central	Street	2	150	1	10:45 AM	15
10/27/2017	256	Central	Street	3	1	0	12:03 PM	70
10/24/2017	366	Central	Street	3	400	0	303897	75
10/24/2017		Central / Elm	Street	3	350	0	3754190	60
11/30/2017		Charter by Pole 4	Road	3	100	0	12:41 PM	50
11/1/2017	8	Cherokee	Road	3	20	0	191682	10
12/21/2017	1	Conant	Street	2	300	0	12:46 PM	80
11/2/2017	34	Conant	Street	3	120	0	12:31 PM	40
11/2/2017	42	Conant	Street	2	100	2	249167	30
11/2/2017	50	Conant	Street	3	30	0	11:32 AM	50
11/20/2017	24	Conant	Street	3	750	0	9:12 AM	30
11/20/2017	30	Conant	Street	2	1500	1	8:54 AM	90
11/20/2017	39	Conant	Street	3	20	1	8:54 AM	30

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11/6/2017	23	Concord	Road	3	150	0	11:50 AM	35
11/6/2017	27	Concord	Road	3	100	0	11:50 AM	10
11/5/2017		Concord at Horseshoe Drive	Road	3	150	0	123622	15
11/5/2017		Concord at Wood Lane	Street	2	2000	1	8:37 AM	80
10/28/2017	1	Coughlin	Street	2	25	1	249848	40
10/28/2017	1	Coughlin	Street	2	150	2	249848	15
10/28/2017	11	Coughlin	Street	2	500	0	1392140	25
10/28/2017	13	Coughlin	Street	3	750	1	234591	25
10/28/2017	14	Coughlin	Street	2	750	2	1:37 PM	25
10/28/2017	15	Coughlin	Street	2	800	3	234591	60
10/28/2017		Coughlin at 1 Huckleberry Lane	Street	2	50	1	12:23 AM	45
11/2/2017	5	Country Club	Road	3	25	0	234597	10
11/13/2017	12	Craig	Road	3	50	0	12:56 PM	30
11/28/2017		Craig At School Street	Road	3	100	0	10:35 AM	20
11/3/2017	6	Doris	Road	3	100	0	1371983	40
11/16/2017	20	Duggan	Drive	3	75	0	10:31 AM	20
11/1/2017	31	Elm	Street	2	1500	1	1665099	70
12/1/2017	7	Elm at Jefferson Arms Condos	Street	3	fit	0	9:46 AM	fit
11/5/2017		Emerson at Alcott Street	Drive	3	50	0	249389	20
10/24/2017	11	Ethan Allen	Drive	3	10	0	1392180	30
11/9/2017	23	Ethan Allen	Drive	3	100	0	10:48 AM	60
11/9/2017	28	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	150	0	10:05 AM	15
10/26/2017	34	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	150	0	1392211	45
11/27/2017	35	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	200	0	12:37 PM	85
11/21/2017	40	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	400	1	11:40 AM	80
11/7/2017	2	Evergreen	Road	3	50	0	12:00 PM	500 ppm
11/3/2017	8	Fairway	Road	3	10	0	1:12 PM	10

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11/2/2017	21	Faulkner Hill	Road	3	25	0	10:34 AM	10
11/20/2017	36	Faulkner Hill	Road	3	1	0	1394243	20
11/20/2017	44	Faulkner Hill	Road	3	5	0	9:50 AM	5
11/3/2017	8	Francine	Road	3	5	0	290517	10
11/3/2017		Francine At Doris	Road	3	50	0	290517	15
11/8/2017	8	Gionconda	Avenue	3	100	0	1392228	40
12/15/2017		Gionconda at Pondview Ave	Avenue	3	25	1	11:36 AM	30
11/5/2017	36	Great	Road	3	150	0	43799	25
11/5/2017	56	Great	Road	3	500	0	1396850	15
11/5/2017	83	Great	Road	3	1	0	5201385	15
11/5/2017	94	Great	Road	3	1000	0	237786	50
11/5/2017	132	Great	Road	3	3000	0	5034695	20
11/5/2017	411	Great	Road	3	50	0	5201880	20
11/5/2017	420	Great	Road	3	400	0	5201880	90
11/5/2017	423	Great	Road	3	300	0	5201623	25
11/30/2017	87	Hayward	Road	3	25	0	12:14 PM	50
11/4/2017	13	Hemlock	Lane	3	100	0	291934	30
11/4/2017	22	Hemlock	Lane	3	500	1	9:24 AM	30
11/2/2017	8	High	Street	2	3750	1	4228611	30
11/2/2017	8	High	Street	2	625	1	4228611	80
11/2/2017	39	High	Street	2	2625	2	4228683	30
11/16/2017	2	Highland	Road	2	25	2	10:03 AM	75
11/8/2017	15	Hillcrest	Drive	2	60	0	5201064	80
11/5/2017	14	Horseshoe	Drive	2	100	1	1392925	50
11/4/2017	22	Hosmer	Street	2	3000	1	110149	50
11/6/2017	43	Hosmer	Street	2	800	0	1392296	50
11/6/2017	46	Hosmer	Street	2	1000	0	234592	50
11/6/2017	47	Hosmer	Street	3	600	1	1392931	30
11/6/2017	52	Hosmer	Street	2	2500	2	3746463	60
12/8/2017	21	John Swift	Road	2	25	0	12:09 PM	75
12/8/2017	23	John Swift	Road	2	25	0	12:51 PM	90

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10/24/2017	3	Juniper Ridge	Road	3	50	0	190851	10
10/24/2017	4	Juniper Ridge	Road	3	500	0	7329360	50
10/24/2017	20	Juniper Ridge	Road	3	100	0	1:12 PM	40
10/27/2017	4	Kingman	Road	2	75	1	3705135	60
11/13/2017	40	Laws Brook	Road	2	600	1	12:30 PM	75
11/13/2017	46	Laws Brook	Road	3	50	0	12:12 PM	10
11/20/2017	60	Laws Brook	Road	2	300	1	10:54 AM	50
10/31/2017	53	Liberty	Street	3	25	0	1392943	10
11/21/2017	64	Liberty	Street	3	10	0	9:47 AM	15
12/15/2017	4	Lilac	Court	3	75	0	12:27 PM	20
11/4/2017		Longfellow Park at Hosmer St	Park	3	50	0	1396893	30
10/28/2017	14	Lothrop	Road	3	1000	0	1372102	70
11/5/2017	3	Main	Street	3	50	0	12:08 PM	10
11/5/2017	9	Main	Street	3	750	1	12:08 PM	30
11/5/2017	13	Main	Street	3	300	0	12:08 PM	35
11/5/2017	29	Main	Street	3	50	1	8:42 AM	10
11/3/2017	254	Main	Street	3	1800	0	1377026	25
10/28/2017	274	Main	Street	3	10	0	7327984	25
10/28/2017	288	Main	Street	2	400	0	7327983	50
11/30/2017	315	Main	Street	3	150	0	10:12 AM	10
11/4/2017	420	Main	Street	2	1500	2	5202089	70
11/4/2017	531	Main	Street	3	5	0	7327059	2
11/5/2017	750	Main	Street	3	200	0	7327948	20
10/31/2017	10	Maple	Street	3	5	0	10:07 AM	40
10/31/2017	16	Maple	Street	3	10	0	237787	5
10/31/2017		Maple St at Stow Street	Street	2	500	2	1392920	20
10/27/2017	8	Marian	Road	2	300	0	126723	45
11/16/2017		Marian at Duggan Road	Road	3	1	0	11:23 AM	50
11/27/2017	1	Martin	Street	3	5	0	8:13 AM	20

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10/31/2017	10	Martin	Street	2	1000	1	268588	50
10/31/2017	15	Martin	Street	2	1800	1	8:24 AM	50
10/31/2017	21	Martin	Street	3	50	0	8:24 AM	20
10/31/2017		Martin at Maple Street	Street	2	750	0	2:01 PM	40
11/28/2017		Mass Ave / Deacon Hunt	Ave	3	50	0	10:04 AM	7
10/28/2017	544	Massachusetts	Ave	3	750	1	234659	50
10/28/2017	550	Massachusetts	Ave	2	30	1	316134	6
12/8/2017	586	Massachusetts	Avenue	2	50	0	1:31 PM	50
12/8/2017	590	Massachusetts	Avenue	2	25	0	1:31 PM	6
12/21/2017	612	Massachusetts	Ave	3	75	0	10:48 AM	20
10/24/2017	5	Mead	Terrace	2	750	2	235141	40
11/7/2017	2	Meadowbrook	Road	3	30	0	10:44 AM	30
11/7/2017	12	Meadowbrook	Road	3	100	0	1:12 PM	60
11/30/2017	9	Musket at Fife and Drum	Drive	3	10	0	249500	15
11/30/2017	5	Musket at Revolutionary Road	Drive	3	50	0	249520	40
11/4/2017	83	Nagog Hill	Road	2	1200	1	7331087	50
11/4/2017	84	Nagog Hill	Road	3	fit	0	249845	fit
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11/16/2017	3	Notre Dame	Road	2	750	0	11:40 AM	90
11/21/2017	11	Notre Dame	Road	3	150	0	10:52 AM	25
10/26/2017	15	Notre Dame	Road	2	1150	1	291135	20
11/2/2017		Oakwood at Brucewood	Road	3	100	0	1396903	50
11/15/2017	7	Old Meadow	Drive	3	1	0	1:25 PM	10
11/8/2017	6	Olde Surrey	Drive	3	1	0	5200979	10
11/8/2017	18	Parker	Street	2	125	1	5201066	50

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12/15/2017	53	Parker	Street	3	500	0	11:15 AM	75
11/15/2017	99	Parker	Street	2	300	1	2:27 PM	70
11/15/2017	230	Parker	Street	3	300	0	2:52 PM	70
11/8/2017		Parker at Drummer	Street	2	150	0	2:42 PM	50
11/9/2017	6	Patrick Henry	Circle	3	20	0	11:21 AM	15
10/24/2017	7	Paul Revere	Road	2	700	1	1374101	40
11/9/2017	11	Paul Revere	Road	3	150	0	12:06 PM	20
11/21/2017	21	Paul Revere	Road	3	60	0	12:18 PM	10
11/9/2017	29	Paul Revere	Road	3	1	0	284679	5
11/2/2017	28	Piper	Road	2	100	1	249413	40
11/2/2017	40	Piper	Road	1	2500	0	2:47 PM	70
11/2/2017	44	Piper	Road	2	500	0	2:19 PM	80
11/8/2017	7	Pond View	Drive	2	2100	1	7331077	100
11/8/2017	10	Pond View	Drive	3	125	0	2982675	80
11/9/2017	3	Powder Horn	Lane	3	100	0	190878	20
11/9/2017	6	Powder Horn	Lane	2	150	0	1393062	20
11/9/2017	8	Powder Horn	Lane	2	150	2	9:33 AM	40
11/3/2017	61	Powder Mill	Road	3	1	0	7327947	5
11/3/2017	18	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	234656	70
11/3/2017	21	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	50
11/3/2017	22	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	60
11/3/2017	28	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	11:41 AM	65
11/3/2017	31	Prospect	Street	2	2800	3	11:41 AM	60
11/3/2017	38	Prospect	Street	2	3000	1	1393096	80
11/3/2017	50	Prospect	Street	3	500	0	248887	25
11/3/2017	54	Prospect	Street	3	500	2	1373087	50
11/3/2017	132	Prospect	Street	3	75	0	290514	25
11/3/2017	138	Prospect	Street	3	60	0	9:16 AM	60
11/3/2017	7	Prospect	Street	3	3500	0	1393072	75
10/28/2017		Prospect at Mass Ave	Street	3	2100	0	154478	50
11/1/2017		Quaboag	Road	3	1	0	1396925	5

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12/5/2017		Redwood at Brucewood	Road	3	5	0	12:42 PM	500 ppm
10/31/2017	18	Robbins	Street	2	1000	2	191980	30
10/31/2017	73	Robbins	Street	3	100	0	191981	10
11/2/2017	12	School	Street	2	2000	3	154544	45
11/13/2017	30	School	Street	2	180	2	11:56 AM	60
11/13/2017	70	School	Street	2	350	2	10:10 AM	35
12/15/2017	86	School	Street	3	25	0	193039	10
11/13/2017	124	School	Street	2	50	0	9:28 AM	20
11/14/2017	246	School	Street	3	150	1	12:23 AM	30
11/14/2017	256	School	Street	3	100	0	12:39 PM	40
10/31/2017	10	Stow	Street	2	2500	2	248892	60
10/31/2017	14	Stow	Street	2	600	0	11:27 AM	50
10/31/2017	20	Stow	Street	3	50	0	11:27 AM	25
11/21/2017	24	Stow	Street	3	2500	0	5201252	60
11/28/2017	81	Stow	Street	3	750	0	9:23 AM	60
10/31/2017	94	Stow	Street	2	1000	2	12:41 PM	30
10/31/2017	94	Stow	Street	2	400	2	12:41 PM	40
10/31/2017		Stow at Liberty	Street	2	1000	1	3673944	30
11/5/2017	108	Strawberry Hill	Road	3	1800	0	7323837	80
10/24/2017	46	Summer	Street	3	50	0	290509	10
10/24/2017	56	Summer	Street	3	10	0	290510	10
10/24/2017	57	Summer	Street	2	6250	1	5200328	75
11/21/2017	74	Summer	Street	3	200	1	10:31 AM	50
11/30/2017	69	Taylor	Road	3	625	0	11:31 AM	40
11/14/2017	9	Thoreau	Road	3	150	0	1376922	15
10/26/2017	9	Ticonderoga	Avenue	2	25	0	1393141	80
11/1/2017	9	Wachusett	Drive	3	50	1	127106	40
11/7/2017	8	Willis Holden	Drive	2	100	0	9:01 AM	60
11/21/2017	148	Willow	Street	3	200	2	12:50 PM	50

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11/16/2017	21	Windemere	Drive	2	250	1	1393119	70
11/28/2017	64	Windsor	Ave	3	150	0	9:43 AM	30
10/27/2017	98	Windsor	Ave	3	50	0	3674155	5
11/7/2017	59	Wood	Lane	3	25	0	1:34 PM	20
11/4/2017	55	Wood	Lane	2	150	2	1393132	50
11/4/2017	17	Woodbury	Lane	3	50	0	3705069	20
11/30/2017		Woodbury at Main Street	Lane	3	375	1	10:30 AM	60
10/24/2017	12	Wright	Terrace	3	450	0	1376969	10

### 2. Newly Reported Leaks

Date	#	Street	St Suffix	grade	sq ft	trees	leak #	% gas
11/14/17	29	Alcott	Street	2	350	2	12:15 PM	50
11/14/17	33	Alcott	Street	3	75	0	12:28 PM	40
11/14/17	59	Alcott	Street	2	100	1	1:30 PM	50
11/1/17	182	Arlington	Street	2	2500	3	12:10 PM	75
11/6/17	250	Arlington	Street	2	2000	0	9:56 AM	75
12/8/17	19	Billings	Street	3	75	0	2:56 PM	30
11/9/17	23	Birch Hill	Road	2	150	1	8:30 AM	70
11/27/17	30	Black Horse	Drive	3	1	0	1:00 PM	1
11/20/17		Broadview at Valley	Street	3	1	0	10:13 AM	50
12/5/17	13	Brucewood	Road	3	100	0	12:59 PM	40
11/13/17	6	Brucewood	Road	2	50	1	8:56 AM	15
11/15/17		Carriage at River Street	Drive	3	25	0	1:50 PM	15
11/1/17	2	Central	Street	2	300	0	9:05 AM	70
11/27/17	31	Central	Street	3	45	0	8:04 AM	10
11/27/17	45	Central	Street	3	50	0	8:13 AM	15
11/27/17	73	Central	Street	3	150	1	10:23 AM	50
12/21/17	248	Central	Street	3	100	0	11:23 AM	15
12/1/17	378	Central	Street	2	400	0	9:31 AM	50

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11/1/17	37	Central	Street	2	2000	0	9:54 AM	90
11/1/17	54	Central	Street	2	450	0	10:37 AM	90
11/27/17	204	Central	Street	2	150	1	10:45 AM	15
10/27/17	256	Central	Street	3	1	0	12:03 PM	70
11/30/17		Charter by Pole 4	Road	3	100	0	12:41 PM	50
12/21/17	1	Conant	Street	2	300	0	12:46 PM	80
11/2/17	34	Conant	Street	3	120	0	12:31 PM	40
11/2/17	50	Conant	Street	3	30	0	11:32 AM	50
11/20/17	24	Conant	Street	3	750	0	9:12 AM	30
11/20/17	30	Conant	Street	2	1500	1	8:54 AM	90
11/20/17	39	Conant	Street	3	20	1	8:54 AM	30
11/6/17	23	Concord	Road	3	150	0	11:50 AM	35
11/6/17	27	Concord	Road	3	100	0	11:50 AM	10
11/5/17		Concord at Wood lane	Street	2	2000	1	8:37 AM	80
10/28/17	14	Coughlin	Street	2	750	2	1:37 PM	25
10/28/17		Coughlin at 1 Huckleberry Lane	Street	2	50	1	12:23 AM	45
11/13/17	12	Craig	Road	3	50	0	12:56 PM	30
11/28/20 17		Craig At School Street	Road	3	100	0	10:35 AM	20
11/16/17	20	Duggan	Drive	3	75	0	10:31 AM	20
12/1/17	7	Elm at Jefferson Arms Condos	Street	3	fit	0	9:46 AM	fit
11/9/17	23	Ethan Allen	Drive	3	100	0	10:48 AM	60
11/9/17	28	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	150	0	10:05 AM	15
11/27/17	35	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	200	0	12:37 PM	85
11/21/17	40	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	400	1	11:40 AM	80
11/7/17	2	Evergreen	Road	3	50	0	12:00 PM	500 ppm

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11/3/17	8	Fairway	Road	3	10	0	1:12 PM	10
11/2/17	21	Faulkner hill	Road	3	25	0	10:34 AM	10
11/20/17	44	Faulkner Hill	Road	3	5	0	9:50 AM	5
12/15/17		Gionconda at Pondview Ave	Avenue	3	25	1	11:36 AM	30
11/30/17	87	Hayward	Road	3	25	0	12:14 PM	50
11/4/17	22	Hemlock	Lane	3	500	1	9:24 AM	30
11/16/17	2	Highland	Road	2	25	2	10:03 AM	75
12/8/17	21	John Swift	Road	2	25	0	12:09 PM	75
12/8/17	23	John Swift	Road	2	25	0	12:51 PM	90
10/24/17	20	Juniper Ridge	Road	3	100	0	1:12 PM	40
11/13/17	40	Laws Brook	Road	2	600	1	12:30 PM	75
11/13/17	46	Laws Brook	Road	3	50	0	12:12 PM	10
11/20/17	60	Laws Brook	Road	2	300	1	10:54 AM	50
11/21/17	64	Liberty	Street	3	10	0	9:47 AM	15
12/15/17	12	Lilac	Court	3	75	0	12:27 PM	20
11/5/17	3	Main	Street	3	50	0	12:08 PM	10
11/5/17	9	Main	Street	3	750	1	12:08 PM	30
11/5/17	13	Main	Street	3	300	0	12:08 PM	35
11/5/17	29	Main	Street	3	50	1	8:42 AM	10
11/30/17	315	Main	Street	3	150	0	10:12 AM	10
10/31/17	10	Maple	Street	3	5	0	10:07 AM	40
11/16/17		Marian AT Duggan Road	Road	3	1	0	11:23 AM	50
11/27/17	1	Martin	Street	3	5	0	8:13 AM	20
10/31/17	15	Martin	Street	2	1800	1	8:24 AM	50
10/31/17	21	Martin	Street	3	50	0	8:24 AM	20
10/31/17		Martin at Maple Street	Street	2	750	0	2:01 PM	40
11/28/17		Mass Ave / Deacon Hunt	Ave	3	50	0	10:04 AM	7

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12/8/17	586	Massachusetts	Avenue	2	50	0	1:31 PM	50
12/8/17	590	Massachusetts	Avenue	2	25	0	1:31 PM	6
12/21/17	612	Massachusetts	Ave	3	75	0	10:48 AM	20
11/7/17	2	Meadowbrook	Road	3	30	0	10:44 AM	30
11/7/17	12	Meadowbrook	Road	3	100	0	1:12 PM	60
11/1/17	26	Nashoba	Road	2	100	2	2:04 PM	30
11/20/17	40	Nashoba	Road	3	25	1	2:23 PM	5
12/21/17	60	Nashoba	Road	3	150	0	10:13 AM	30
11/7/17	25	Newtown	Road	2	500	0	10:30 AM	70
11/16/17	3	Notre Dame	Road	2	750	0	11:40 AM	90
11/21/17	11	Notre Dame	Road	3	150	0	10:52 AM	25
11/15/17	7	Old Meadow	Drive	3	1	0	1:25 PM	10
12/15/17	53	Parker	Street	3	500	0	11:15 AM	75
11/15/17	99	Parker	Street	2	300	1	2:27 PM	70
11/15/17	230	Parker	Street	3	300	0	2:52 PM	70
11/8/17		Parker at Drummer	Street	2	150	0	2:42 PM	50
11/9/17		Patrick Henry	Drive	3	20	0	11:21 AM	15
11/9/17	11	Paul Revere	Road	3	150	0	12:06 PM	20
11/21/17	21	Paul Revere	Road	3	60	0	12:18 PM	10
11/2/17	40	Piper	Road	1	2500	0	2:47 PM	70
11/2/17	44	Piper	Road	2	500	0	2:19 PM	80
11/9/17	8	Powder Horn	Lane	2	150	2	9:33 AM	40
11/3/17	21	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	50
11/3/17	22	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	60
11/3/17	28	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	11:41 AM	65
11/3/17	31	Prospect	Street	2	2800	3	11:41 AM	60
11/3/17	138	Prospect	Street	3	60	0	9:16 AM	60
12/5/17		Redwood at Brucewood	Road	3	5	0	12:42 PM	500 ppm
11/13/17	30	School	Street	2	180	2	11:56 AM	60
11/13/17	70	School	Street	2	350	2	10:10 AM	35

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11/13/17	124	School	Street	2	50	0	9:28 AM	20
11/14/17	246	School	Street	3	150	1	12:23 AM	30
11/14/17	256	School	Street	3	100	0	12:39 PM	40
10/31/17	14	Stow	Street	2	600	0	11:27 AM	50
10/31/17	20	Stow	Street	3	50	0	11:27 AM	25
11/28/17	81	Stow	Street	3	750	0	9:23 AM	60
10/31/17	94	Stow	Street	2	1000	2	12:41 PM	30
10/31/17	94	Stow	Street	2	400	2	12:41 PM	40
11/21/17	74	Summer	Street	3	200	1	10:31 AM	50
11/30/17	69	Taylor	Road	3	625	0	11:31 AM	40
11/7/17	8	Willis Holden	Drive	2	100	0	9:01 AM	60
11/21/17	148	Willow	Street	3	200	2	12:50 PM	50
11/28/17	64	Windsor	Ave	3	150	0	9:43 AM	30
11/7/17	59	Wood	Lane	3	25	0	1:34 PM	20
11/30/17		Woodbury at Main Street	Lane	3	375	1	10:30 AM	60

### 3. High Volume Leaks

Date	#	Street	St Suffix	grade	sq ft	trees	leak #	% gas
10/24/17	57	Summer	Street	2	6250	1	5200328	75
11/2/17	8	High	Street	2	3750	1	4228611	30
11/3/17	21	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	50
11/3/17	22	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	60
11/3/17	7	Prospect	Street	3	3500	0	1393072	75
11/5/17	132	Great	Road	3	3000	0	5034695	20
11/4/17	22	Hosmer	Street	2	3000	1	110149	50
11/3/17	18	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	234656	70

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11/3/17	28	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	11:41 AM	65
11/3/17	38	Prospect	Street	2	3000	1	1393096	80
11/3/17	31	Prospect	Street	2	2800	3	11:41 AM	60
11/2/17	39	High	Street	2	2625	2	4228683	30
11/1/17	182	Arlington	Street	2	2500	3	12:10 PM	75
11/6/17	52	Hosmer	Street	2	2500	2	3746463	60
11/2/17	40	Piper	Road	1	2500	0	2:47 PM	70
10/31/17	10	Stow	Street	2	2500	2	248892	60
11/21/17	24	Stow	Street	3	2500	0	5201252	60
11/8/17	7	Pond View	Drive	2	2100	1	7331077	100
10/28/17		Prospect at Mass Ave	Street	3	2100	0	154478	50
11/6/17	250	Arlington	Street	2	2000	0	9:56 AM	75
11/1/17	37	Central	Street	2	2000	0	9:54 AM	90
11/5/17		Concord at Wood lane	Street	2	2000	1	8:37 AM	80
11/2/17	12	School	Street	2	2000	3	154544	45

**4. Leaks with Trees**

Date	#	Street	St Suffix	grade	sq ft	trees	leak #	% gas
11/14/17	29	Alcott	Street	2	350	2	12:15 PM	50
11/14/17	59	Alcott	Street	2	100	1	1:30 PM	50
11/1/17	182	Arlington	Street	2	2500	3	12:10 PM	75
10/24/17	315	Arlington	Street	3	1200	1	7323442	75
10/26/17	423	Arlington	Street	2	1000	1	248707	85
11/9/17	23	Birch Hill	Road	2	150	1	8:30 AM	70
11/13/17	6	Brucewood	Road	2	50	1	8:56 AM	15
11/1/17	58	Central	Street	2	900	1	248714	60
11/27/17	73	Central	Street	3	150	1	10:23 AM	50
11/1/17	194	Central	Street	2	1500	1	1373756	40
11/1/17	237	Central	Street	2	75	1	137813	20
10/28/17	267	Central	Street	2	175	2	1373813	45
11/27/17	204	Central	Street	2	150	1	10:45 AM	15

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11/2/17	42	Conant	Street	2	100	2	249167	30
11/20/17	30	Conant	Street	2	1500	1	8:54 AM	90
11/20/17	39	Conant	Street	3	20	1	8:54 AM	30
11/5/17		Concord at Wood lane	Street	2	2000	1	8:37 AM	80
10/28/17	1	Coughlin	Street	2	25	1	249848	40
10/28/2017	1	Coughlin	Street	2	150	2	249848	15
10/28/17	13	Coughlin	Street	3	750	1	234591	25
10/28/17	14	Coughlin	Street	2	750	2	1:37 PM	25
10/28/17	15	Coughlin	Street	2	800	3	234591	60
10/28/17		Coughlin Street at 1 Huckleberry Lane		2	50	1	12:23 AM	45
11/1/17	31	Elm	Street	2	1500	1	1665099	70
11/21/17	40	Ethan Allen	Drive	2	400	1	11:40 AM	80
12/15/17		Gionconda at Pondview Ave	Avenue	3	25	1	11:36 AM	30
11/4/17	22	Hemlock	Lane	3	500	1	9:24 AM	30
11/2/17	8	High	Street	2	3750	1	4228611	30
11/2/17	8	High	Street	2	625	1	4228611	80
11/2/17	39	High	Street	2	2625	2	4228683	30
11/16/17	2	Highland	Road	2	25	2	10:03 AM	75
11/5/17	14	Horseshoe	Drive	2	100	1	1392925	50
11/4/17	22	Hosmer	Street	2	3000	1	110149	50
11/6/17	47	Hosmer	Street	3	600	1	1392931	30
11/6/17	52	Hosmer	Street	2	2500	2	3746463	60
10/27/17	4	Kingman	Road	2	75	1	3705135	60
11/13/17	40	Laws Brook	Road	2	600	1	12:30 PM	75
11/20/17	60	Laws Brook	Road	2	300	1	10:54 AM	50
11/5/17	9	Main	Street	3	750	1	12:08 PM	30
11/5/17	29	Main	Street	3	50	1	8:42 AM	10
11/4/17	420	Main	Street	2	1500	2	5202089	70

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10/31/17		Maple St @ Stow Street	Street	2	500	2	1392920	20
10/31/17	10	Martin	Street	2	1000	1	268588	50
10/31/17	15	Martin	Street	2	1800	1	8:24 AM	50
10/28/17	544	Massachusetts	Ave	3	750	1	234659	50
10/28/17	550	Massachusetts	Ave	2	30	1	316134	6
10/24/17	5	Mead	Terrace	2	750	2	235141	40
11/4/17	83	Nagog Hill	Road	2	1200	1	7331087	50
11/1/17	4	Nashoba	Road	3	50	3	4800810	10
11/1/17	14	Nashoba	Road	2	600	1	4800810	100
11/1/17	26	Nashoba	Road	2	100	2	2:04 PM	30
11/20/17	40	Nashoba	Road	3	25	1	2:23 PM	5
10/26/17	15	Notre Dame	Road	2	1150	1	291135	20
11/8/17	18	Parker	Street	2	125	1	5201066	50
11/15/17	99	Parker	Street	2	300	1	2:27 PM	70
10/24/17	7	Paul Revere	Road	2	700	1	1374101	40
11/2/17	28	Piper	Road	2	100	1	249413	40
11/8/17	7	Pond View	Drive	2	2100	1	7331077	100
11/9/17	8	Powder Horn	Lane	2	150	2	9:33 AM	40
11/3/17	18	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	234656	70
11/3/17	21	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	50
11/3/17	22	Prospect	Street	2	3500	2	11:41 AM	60
11/3/17	28	Prospect	Street	2	3000	3	11:41 AM	65
11/3/17	31	Prospect	Street	2	2800	3	11:41 AM	60
11/3/17	38	Prospect	Street	2	3000	1	1393096	80
11/3/17	54	Prospect	Street	3	500	2	1373087	50
10/31/17	18	Robbins	Street	2	1000	2	191980	30
11/2/17	12	School	Street	2	2000	3	154544	45
11/13/17	30	School	Street	2	180	2	11:56 AM	60
11/13/17	70	School	Street	2	350	2	10:10 AM	35
11/14/17	246	School	Street	3	150	1	12:23 AM	30
10/31/17	10	Stow	Street	2	2500	2	248892	60

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10/31/17	94	Stow	Street	2	1000	2	12:41 PM	30
10/31/17	94	Stow	Street	2	400	2	12:41 PM	40
10/31/17		Stow at Liberty	Street	2	1000	1	3673944	30
10/24/17	57	Summer	Street	2	6250	1	5200328	75
11/21/17	74	Summer	Street	3	200	1	10:31 AM	50
11/1/17	9	Wachusett	Drive	3	50	1	127106	40
11/21/17	148	Willow	Street	3	200	2	12:50 PM	50
11/16/17	21	Windemere	Drive	2	250	1	1393119	70
11/4/17	55	Wood	Lane	2	150	2	1393132	50
11/30/17		Woodbury at Main Street	Lane	3	375	1	10:30 AM	60

5.. Non Pipeline Leak Locations

Date	Street #	Street		notes
10/24/2017	294	Arlington	Street	no repeat
10/24/2017		Arlington at Haynes	Street	no repeat
11/20/2017		Arlington at Houghton	Street	no read from leak to south
12/8/2017		Aspen	Lane	no read vehicle turn around
11/20/17		Central east of Windsor	Street	no read swamp
12/8/2017		Clover Hill	Road	no repeat
11/20/2017		Devon	Drive	sewage problem
11/16/2017		Duggan Road at Willow Road		no repeat
11/30/2017		Durkee	Road	no repeat
11/20/2017		Elm Street	by school	no repeat
12/8/2017		Forest	Road	Landfill
12/8/2017		Gabriel at Great Road	Lane	sewage problem
12/8/2017		Harris At Great	Street	no read vehicle turn around

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12/8/2017		Hawthorne	Street	no repeat
10/24/2017	16	Juniper Ridge	Road	no repeat
12/8/2017		Main north of Wheeler Lane	Road	no repeat
12/8/2017		Main Acton Sand & Gravel	Street	no repeat
12/8/2017		Monroe	Drive	no repeat vehicle turnaround
12/8/2017		Newtown by McKinley	Road	no repeat
11/3/2017	21	Patriots	Road	no repeat
11/20/2017		Patriots	Road	no repeat
11/20/2017		Quarry ay Granite	Road	Lincoln Tree Compost
11/20/2017		Robinwood	Road	no repeat
11/20/2017		Russell	Road	no repeat
12/8/2017		Railroad Street	Street	no read vehicle turn around
12/8/2017		River by High	Street	no read vehicle turn around
12/1/2017		Seminole	Road	no repeat
12/8/2017		Sylvia	Lane	no read vehicle turn around
11/20/17		Tenney at Parker	Circle	no repeat
11/30/2017		Tuttle	Drive	no repeat
12/21/2017		Willow by Homestead	Street	no repeat

**5. Federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Leak Classification Guidelines**

GRADE	DEFINITION	ACTION CRITERIA	EXAMPLES
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1	A leak that represents an existing or probable hazard to persons or property, and requires immediate repair or continuous action until the conditions are no longer hazardous.	Requires <i>prompt action</i> * to protect life and property, and continuous action until the conditions are no longer hazardous. *The prompt action in some instances may require one or more of the following: a. Implementation of company emergency plan (§192.615). b. Evacuating premises. c. Blocking off an area. d. Rerouting traffic. e. Eliminating sources of ignition. f. Venting the area. g. Stopping the flow of gas by closing valves or other means. h. Notifying police and fire departments.	1. Any leak which, in the judgment of operating personnel at the scene, is regarded as an immediate hazard. 2. Escaping gas that has ignited. 3. Any indication of gas which has migrated into or under a building, or into a tunnel. 4. Any reading at the outside wall of a building, or where gas would likely migrate to an outside wall of a building. 5. Any reading of 80% LEL, or greater, in a confined space. 6. Any reading of 80% LEL, or greater in small substructures (other than gas associated substructures) from which gas would likely migrate to the outside wall of a building. 7. Any leak that can be seen, heard, or felt, and which is in a location that may endanger the general public or property.
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**TABLE 3B-LEAK CLASSIFICATION AND ACTION CRITERIA-GRADE 2**

GRADE	DEFINITION	ACTION CRITERIA	EXAMPLES
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<p>2</p>	<p>A leak that is recognized as being non-hazardous at the time of detection, but justifies scheduled repair based on probable future hazard.</p>	<p>Leaks should be repaired or cleared within one calendar year, but no later than 15 months from the date the leak was reported. In determining the repair priority, criteria such as the following should be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Amount and migration of gas.</li> <li>b. Proximity of gas to buildings and subsurface structures.</li> <li>c. Extent of pavement.</li> <li>d. Soil type and soil conditions (such as frost cap, moisture and natural venting).</li> </ul> <p>Grade 2 leaks should be reevaluated at least once every six months until cleared. The frequency of reevaluation should be determined by the location and magnitude of the leakage condition. Grade 2 leaks may vary greatly in degree of potential hazard.</p> <p>Some Grade 2 leaks, when evaluated by the above criteria, may justify scheduled repair within the next 5 working days.</p> <p>Others will justify repair within 30 days. During the working day on which the leak is discovered, these situations should be brought to the attention of the individual responsible for scheduling leak repair.</p> <p>On the other hand, many Grade 2 leaks, because of their location and magnitude, can be scheduled for repair on a normal routine basis</p>	<p><i>A. Leaks Requiring Action Ahead of Ground Freezing or Other Adverse Changes in Venting Conditions.</i> Any leak which, under frozen or other adverse soil conditions, would likely migrate to the outside wall of a building.</p> <p><i>B. Leaks Requiring Action Within Six Months</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any reading of 40%LEL, or greater, under a sidewalk in a wall-to-wall paved area that does not qualify as a Grade 1 leak.</li> <li>2. Any reading of 100% LEL, or greater, under a street in a wall-to-wall paved area that has significant gas migration and does not qualify as a Grade 1 leak.</li> <li>3. Any reading less than 80% LEL in small substructures (other than gas associated substructures) from which gas would likely migrate creating a probable future hazard.</li> <li>4. Any reading between 20% LEL and 80% LEL in a confined space.</li> <li>5. Any reading on a pipeline operating at 30 percent SMYS, or greater, in a class 3 or 4 location, which does not qualify as a Grade 1 leak.</li> <li>6. Any reading of 80%LEL, or greater, in gas associated sub-structures.</li> <li>7. Any leak which, in the judgment of operating personnel at the scene, is of sufficient magnitude to justify scheduled repair.</li> </ol>
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**TABLE 3C-LEAK CLASSIFICATION AND ACTION CRITERIA-GRADE 3**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>ACTION CRITERIA</b>	<b>EXAMPLES</b>
3	A leak that is non-hazardous at the time of detection and can be reasonably expected to remain non-hazardous.	These leaks should be reevaluated during the next scheduled survey, or within 15 months of the date reported, whichever occurs first, until the leak is regraded or no longer results in a reading.	<p><i>Leaks Requiring Reevaluation at Periodic Intervals</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any reading of less than 80% LEL in small gas associated substructures.</li> <li>2. Any reading under a street in areas without wall-to-wall paving where it is unlikely the gas could migrate to the outside wall of a building.</li> <li>3. Any reading of less than 20% LEL in a confined space.</li> </ol>