

## Gas leak cuts area service

A natural gas leak Tuesday afternoon along Ind. 11 at Waynesville left about 31 Indiana Gas Co. customers without service for nearly four hours.

The leak occurred about 2 p.m. while Miller Pipeline Co. of Clermont was repairing a leak on a valve.

Keith Thompson, Indiana Gas spokesman, said that while workers were uncovering the gas main, a blow-off valve came off the 4-inch main which carries about 150 pounds of pressure per square inch. Natural gas started blowing from the line, he said.

The Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department, Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department and Athens Ambulance Service were called to the scene to stand by.

Thompson said workers valved off a section of the main while repairs were made to the valve which came off the line. After being repaired, the valve was opened, the line pressurized and customers' service was restored about 6 p.m.

Miller Pipeline is the same company which last week was helping clean up a gasoline spill north of Indianapolis when an explosion occurred, killing three of its employees.

There were no injuries in Tuesday's leak.



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Workers from Miller Pipeline of Indianapolis gather around a gas leak that developed Tuesday afternoon as they tried to repair a 4-inch line along Ind. 11 about one mile north of Jonesville. Serious danger was averted because of the line's

rural location and weather conditions that allowed the leaking gas to dissipate. Service to about 25 Indiana Gas customers was shut off and traffic along Ind. 11 was detoured to allow the workers to shut off the gas and make needed repairs.

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