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**DTE Natural Gas Pipeline Work Will Produce Visible Flare and Odor & Lane Shift
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Traverse City, Mich. — DTE Energy is completing natural gas pipeline upgrades in the City of Traverse City, with work anticipated to be completed by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

As part of the project, an odorant will be injected into the new gas main near Eighth Street and Hastings Street. Crews will then conduct a controlled gas flare in the northwest corner of the Central High School parking lot, near Eastern Avenue and Milliken Street.

Traffic control will be in place on Milliken Street through Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The right-turn lane on Milliken Street at Front Street will be closed. The left-turn lane will remain open and may be used for both left and right turns. Work will also occur between the Central High School student parking lot and Eastern Avenue; parking lot entrances will remain open.

The controlled flare may be visible to nearby residents and businesses and may be accompanied by a slight rotten egg odor and a low roaring sound. This is a routine part of the pipeline work, and natural gas service will not be interrupted.

The odorant will remain in the pipe for about one week, with crews expected to purge the remaining gas/odorant from the line on or around Tuesday, Oct. 13, using a second, shorter flare operation. For general or non-emergency questions about the work, please call (616) 632-2620, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you believe you detect a natural gas leak at your property, leave the area immediately, call 911, then call DTE's dedicated natural gas leak hotline at (800) 947-5000.

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