

IOWA WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 24-05

TO: Weatherization Coordinators, Energy Auditors/Inspectors

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RE: Gas Leaks

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New guidance for gas leaks on the utility side is below. The following change is in the Work Standards, Section 2021 Fuel Lines.

2021 Fuel Lines – Energy Auditor/Inspector

- No weatherization can be done until leaks detected by any means are repaired by the program. See gas leaks on the utility side for exceptions.
- When there is a gas leak on the utility side:
  - Leaks on the utility side can only be repaired by the utility or their contractor. Weatherization funds cannot be used to fix a leak on the utility side.
  - When a gas leak is on the utility side and located in the home:
    - Verify the leak with a soapy or bubbling solution to eliminate false positives. Maintain a photo of the verified leak in the file.
    - The agency is to notify the utility of the leak and document the date and time the utility was notified.
    - Weatherization work cannot continue until the leak is repaired by the utility.
  - When a gas leak is on the utility side and is located outside the home:
    - Verify the leak with a soapy or bubbling solution to eliminate false positives. Maintain a photo of the verified leak in the file.
    - The agency is to notify the utility of the leak and document the date and time the utility was notified.
    - Weatherization work may continue.
    - The home may be closed complete after all other work has passed final inspection by a QCI.