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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3548

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3548 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Oil and Gas Act is amended by
5 adding Section 7.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 725/7.5 new)

7 Sec. 7.5. Natural gas storage field; natural gas leak;
8 public notice.

9 In addition to the requirements of this Section and any
10 applicable State and federal law, an operator of a natural gas
11 storage field that lies above a Sole Source Aquifer designated
12 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency must
13 notify the following parties located within 5 miles of the
14 boundaries of a natural gas leak into water or onto the surface
15 of land that a natural gas leak has occurred:

16 (1) All government entities must be notified

1 immediately.

2 (2) All emergency service agencies serving that area
3 must be notified immediately.

4 (3) All owners and operators of public water supplies,
5 community water supplies, and non-community water supplies
6 must be notified immediately.

7 In addition, all private residents, owners and operators of
8 private water systems, or businesses, including agricultural
9 operations, located within one and a half miles of the
10 boundaries of the natural gas leak must be notified as soon as
11 practically possible.

12 Notices to private residents and businesses must be
13 attempted through verbal communication, whether in person or by
14 telephone. If verbal communication cannot be established, a
15 physical notice must be posted. The physical notice shall carry
16 the following text in at least 18-point font: "NATURAL GAS LEAK
17 NOTICE - READ IMMEDIATELY". Notices required under this Section
18 shall be provided whether or not the threat of exposure has
19 been eliminated. Both verbal and physical notices shall include
20 the location of the natural gas leak, the date and time that
21 the natural gas leak was discovered, contact information of the
22 operator of the natural gas storage field, and any applicable
23 safety information.

24 The operator of a natural gas storage field has a
25 continuous and ongoing obligation to further notify the
26 affected parties as necessary if it is determined that the

1 boundaries of the natural gas leak have increased, moved, or
2 shifted. This notice requirement shall be construed as broadly
3 as possible."