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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROAD CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO GAS LEAK

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 11/21/07) – A portion of Arbor Island Boulevard in Temple Terrace was closed to traffic Wednesday after a truck struck and broke a natural-gas line, allowing gas to escape, according to the Temple Terrace Fire Department.

There were no injuries, and no residents were evacuated, authorities said.

The incident occurred around 9:25 a.m. when a truck struck a natural-gas line in a field along Arbor Island Boulevard, near the intersection of Fletcher Avenue and Morris Bridge Road. Workers for a local company were preparing to mow the field and did not see the gas line because of high grass and vegetation, said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman.

The fire department was assisted by Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and the Hillsborough County Hazardous Incident Team, which contained the leak until workers from TECO Energy arrived.

The east entrance to The Falls condominiums was closed, and residents were asked to use the north entrance. One lane of Arbor Island Boulevard remains open for residents entering and leaving the Hidden Oaks subdivision, behind The Falls.

The damaged gas pipe is expected to be replaced this afternoon, a TECO representative said.

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