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Gas Supply Returning to Normal in South Carolina

Dear Tourism
Industry
Partners,

In light of the recent events involving the gas line leak in Alabama and the potential short term disruption of fuel delivery to some locations within South Carolina, I wanted to touch on a few key points related to this occurrence as it pertains to our roles in South Carolina's tourism industry.

Although the gas leak did cause some intermittent supply interruption, the overall impact of this event has been limited and we currently do not anticipate any widespread shortages, especially since it has been reported

that a bypass in the line will be finished tomorrow. In order to avoid significant shortages, Governor Haley has taken precautionary measures, including relaxing some fuel transportation regulations so that fuel can be delivered to the state more quickly. We have seen some fuel price increases and some stations have temporarily run out of fuel; however, this is most likely due to the over-consumption stemming from public fears of gas shortages - fears that are often exacerbated by news and social media.

I believe in situations like these, we - as tourism industry professionals - have an opportunity and obligation to serve our residents and business communities by dispelling unfounded rumors and sharing accurate, up-to-date information with both residents and visitors to South Carolina. Certainly, given our access to various information resources and communications platforms, we are in a unique position to serve as stewards of

public information
pertaining to
tourism conditions
in South Carolina.

To that end, we
have asked our
staff at SCPRT to
assure our visitors,
customers or
guests that fuel is
still widely
available in South
Carolina. I would
ask that you - via
the appropriate
channels - help us
to ensure the
dissemination of
accurate
information
regarding your
destination's fuel
supply conditions.
Thank you for all
you do in the
service of South
Carolina's tourism
industry.

Sincerely,

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