

Good Afternoon

My name is Sadia Jiminian-Tejeda I have been a resident of Lawrence for the past 37 years and I never thought that I going to live such an experience such as the MV gas explosions. I knew something was wrong weeks before the explosion I saw inspectors on my streets checking houses' meters and street pipes, they even asked to come into my basement to check the meters. On the day of the explosion I was working and I received a call from my daughter telling me that she and my husband were ok and they asked everyone in the building to evacuate (we owned) a 3-family house. I asked what happened-she explained that one of the furnaces had got fire and that other homes in the area were on fire. I told her to grab some pictures, our passports and some clothes, and the dog and to go to my parent's house (they live in North Lawrence) and I left work ( I work in Boston). It was the longest drive home, on my way I got many calls and texts - people calling making sure my family was ok. I was sure what was going on.. what was happening. While I was driving I could see so many fire trucks passing by from local towns going towards Lawrence. Once I got to my parent's house I embraced my family.

What happened 3 . 5 years ago we will never forget, it got to a point that we couldn't hear any type of sirens without panic setting in. We recently moved, and last week while I walked our dog, I smelled gas - and all I said was - I can't go through this again.

Substituting other explosive gases for methane gas is not the answer. The future is CLEAN renewable heat like can be provided with the geo grid . In order for us to have a clean healthy environment for our future generations, we need clean renewable heat.