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# PSR Proposed Amendments - Update

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# Strategic Background

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What's changed?

- Buncefield
- Government Energy Review
- Concern over continuity of supply
- No sign of the European Pipeline Directive yet

# Amendment Process

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- Strategic background
- HSE internal consultation
- Fact finding and research – taking account of previous work
- Impact assessment
- Pre-Consultation Document engagement
- Consultation Document issued
- Amendments made

# Proposed significant amendments to PSR 1996

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Going ahead:

- To introduce gasoline as a dangerous fluid
- To introduce CO<sub>2</sub> as a dangerous fluid

Postponed:

- To introduce testing of local authority plans;  
and
- To give LAs cost recovery for justifiable costs from the pipeline operator for testing of EPs

# Definitions

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- Gasoline
  - “Any petroleum derivative which is suitable for use as a fuel for motor vehicles, except LPG, with a flashpoint between and including -51C to -40C”
- Carbon Dioxide
  - Just “CO2”

# Other amendments

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- To introduce a 3 year expiry on notifications made under Reg. 20 ‘Notification before construction’
- Amendment to Reg. 22 ‘Notification in other cases’ now applies when an existing site is split up
- To introduce a duty on the operator to notify the LA and emergency services immediately if a major incident occurs
- Reordering of Reg. 13A – now Reg. 14
- Amendments to L82

# PSR Cost recovery by HSE

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- In October 2009, the HSE Senior Management Team will consider a proposal for HSE to charge for its activities in connection with MAHPs
- It is proposed that HSE's notifications, major accident prevention document review and other functions become subject to charges
- If agreed, HSE will ask stakeholders for their views via the PSR consultation document

# Next steps

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- Consultation package will be presented to HSE SMT/Board in November 2009 for approval
- Public consultation will take place from December 2009 – February 2010 (12 weeks)
- New regulations will come into force in October 2010