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Analysis of responses to the consultation on proposed amendments to the Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996 and the Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations

HSE are pleased to advise stakeholders that the analysis of responses to the consultation on proposed amendments to the Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996 and the Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations has now been published on the HSE website.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd228.htm>

Following the election, the Coalition Government introduced a new approach to regulation. This resulted in HSE and other government departments reviewing proposed regulatory measures to ensure they fit within the new rules and processes, which delayed issuing our response to the consultation. We have now completed this review for PSR and this has led to a number of changes to our proposed amendments. Details of the changes are covered in analysis of responses (see below link). It is also important to note that these amendments will be implemented, subject to Ministerial clearance, in April 2011 and not October 2010 as suggested in the consultation document.

Annex 1 of the analysis outlines the areas where HSE is seeking further comments from stakeholders on three key areas:

- The revised definition of gasoline - respondents asked for clarity on what is and isn't brought into the scope of PSR and the definition has been revised to take account of this;
- The revised impact assessment (IA) for the classification of gasoline as a dangerous fluid – at the time of the consultation a review of the methodology used for setting consultation distances (CDs) around gasoline pipelines was underway and stakeholders raised the concern that the IA could not fully address the cost implications to industry until this review was completed. HSE economists have now amended the IA to reflect the outcome of this review; and
- Regulation 23 Notification in other cases - this amendment was to deal with the situation where an existing industrial complex is split up and the operation undertaken ceases to be under the control of one operator, to that of a number of operators managing different chemical plants and processes. There have been some subsequent amendments necessary to other regulations which were not included as part of the original consultation.

Responses are welcome by no later than **Friday 8 October 2010**.

Kind regards

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