



IWG Update

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Update

- ❑ 2018 Progress to Date
 - ❑ Progress on Good Practice Guides
 - ❑ Top Ten Infringers
 - ❑ 2018 IWG Report

- ❑ 2019 Work Programme

Good Practice Guides

- GPG for working safely near underground pipelines – Ready for Governance Group

- GPG for Local Authority Planners – Nearly complete – HSE involvement

- Plan to have both documents published by year end

- With thanks to WWU, CLH, SGN, NGT, Cadent, Sabic, Cats, NGD whose input has been invaluable in the production of these documents

GPG – Working near underground pipelines

1 Hazards



Buried pipelines in the UK transport a variety of products at pressures up to 100 bar. This includes flammable and explosive products such as oil, natural gas, ethylene and petroleum as well as less obviously hazardous material such as water. The hazardous nature of the product is magnified by the high pressures, and should, for example a natural gas pipeline operating at 75 bar fail, an explosion could occur that may result in the deaths of people nearby; damage to an oil pipeline operating at 100 bar could result in extensive environmental issues.

Any damage to a pipeline or its coating can affect its integrity that could result in its failure immediately if enough damage is done, or in the future if the damage deteriorates with time perhaps via corrosion. It is therefore essential that safe procedures are complied with when working near to a pipeline.

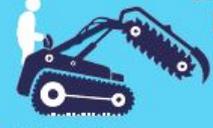
The hazardous nature of these pipelines is recognised in UK legislation through The Pipelines Safety Regulations. Regulation 15 of this states that "No person shall cause such damage to a pipeline as may give rise to a danger to persons." This applies to persons working near such pipelines, and failing to comply could result in prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

2 Notifiable Activities



Prior to working in the vicinity of HP Pipelines, other than routine agricultural activities such as ploughing, you should contact the pipeline operator who will provide any guidance and advice required.

2.1 Ditching & Drainage



- Ditch clearing
- Dredging, widening or creation of waterways/ponds, etc.
- Drainage investigator work/repairs
- Use of powered machinery to clear materials

2.2 Fencing



Installation of new or replacement fences / fence posts or gateposts.

2.3 Construction Work including



- Temporary or permanent tracks/roads
- Installation of water pipes, drains or sewers
- Property extensions (including permitted development)
- Change of use of existing building

2.4 Ground Cover & Storage of Materials



- Depth of cover must not be reduced or increased
- Materials not stacked or stored in the vicinity of the pipeline or within pipeline easement

2.5 Planting of Trees & Shrubs



Planting within the easement should not take place without prior discussion with the pipeline operator

2.6 Fires



Should not be built or ignited within the pipeline easement

2.7 Sub-soil & Mole ploughing



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3 Information, Instruction & Training



Contractors and temporary staff may be at an increased level of risk when they work on your land, so make sure they know where the pipelines are and discuss and agree with them the precautions they need to take before they start work. More detailed instructions may be needed for those workers whose first language is not English.

The location of pipelines is normally indicated by marker posts at the edges of fields. Remember though that marker posts can be accidentally moved or damaged. Also, pipelines may not necessarily run in a straight line between posts. By contacting the pipeline operator in advance, an operator representative can visit your land to locate and mark out the pipeline and advise what works can and cannot be done safely.

The location of a pipeline is normally a **FREE** service.

2.8 Excavations (incl pits for Carcass burial)



All excavations are notifiable activities

2.9 Wind turbines and solar farms



Contact pipeline operator at earliest possibility (UKOPA have produced good practice guides for both)

2.10 All other works (incl piling & boring)



Please contact the pipeline operator for any other agricultural work not covered in this document, they will be more than happy to discuss any potential issues

Infringers and IWG Report

❑ Top Ten Infringers – Meetings and various teleconferences held

- ❑ Impressed by third company SMSs
- ❑ Committed to work with UKOPA to reduce infringements
- ❑ Issue of Sub-Contractors

❑ IWG Annual Report 2018

- ❑ Commitment at last meeting to adhere to new data deadlines

2019 IWG Further Plans

- ❑ January Meeting – 22nd/23rd January, Thorpe Park, Leeds
- ❑ Afternoon brainstorming session to look at how better to engage with the farming / landowner community
- ❑ Future re-run of contractors seminar from a few years ago.

Short and Sharp!

Any Questions please?