



What happened?

- A pipeline operator received a call from the local Fire and Rescue Service to advise that a vehicle had left the road, hit an overground pipeline and caught fire
- A PERO was dispatched and established that the pipeline involved was a water pipeline. The operator's underground pipeline, which was nearby, (purple line on the plan) was unaffected

Findings and key learning points

- The pipeline operator's PERO received a call from the operator's control centre at 04:00 am
- The local Fire and Rescue Service had made contact to inform the operator that a vehicle had left the road in an area near to their pipeline, the vehicle was on fire, and that they were attending the scene
- The FR&S requested that the operator dispatch a representative to the scene
- The PERO first checked whether any leak detection alarms had been activated before travelling to the scene
- The PERO established that the operator's pipeline was unaffected

Recommendation

- It is recommended that operators consider the consequence of vehicles leaving a road in the vicinity of their pipelines
- Operators should make their PERO's aware of this incident