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Members Meeting

HSE Update

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Key

RI = Regulatory Inspector

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Iron Mains Review / Iron Mains Enforcement Policy

- HSE's technical review of the iron mains decommissioning programme is completed. Approval is currently being sought for its publication as a HSE Research Report. <https://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/index.htm>
- The review findings will be used to inform any revisions that may be necessary to the Iron Mains Enforcement Policy for the RIIO GD3 period – to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.
- The initial review findings were shared with the GDN's earlier in the year [as the findings may be relevant to their draft RIIO GD 3 business plans].
- Following HSE governance procedures, it is anticipated that the revised Iron Mains Enforcement Policy for the RIIO GD3 period will be agreed in January 2025.
- It's planned to share the proposed changes to the Policy with the networks later this month.

Revision of the Gas Safety Management Regulations (GSMR)

Biomethane Pipelines

- Biomethane Pipelines Safety Cases required from 6th Oct 2024
- Existing biomethane pipelines can continue to operate after 6th Oct – providing the safety case has been submitted.

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Revised guidance incorporating the changes introduced by the Gas Safety Management (amendment) Regulations 2023 can be found at <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l80.htm>

Cost Recovery

- PSR cost recovery came into force on the 1st April 2024
- Regulatory activity in relation to pipelines (both MAH and non-MAH); onshore boreholes (geothermal & oil and gas) and offshore wind and marine energy generation – will all become cost recoverable.
- No changes with regards to current GSMR or Offshore cost recovery arrangements (eg if a pipeline forms part of a gas network or is within 500m of an offshore installation it is cost recoverable under the GSMR / offshore arrangements).

So:

- All pipeline regulatory activity, that is not in relation to a pipeline that forms part of a GSMR network or is not within 500 m of an offshore installation is now cost recoverable.

For further information see:

- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/charging/assets/docs/oil-gas-chemical-pipelines-charging-guides.pdf>
- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/322/made>

Net Zero – Hydrogen Heating Programme

- HSE’s review of the evidence produced in support of the HHP is drawing to a close.
- Once HSE has completed the review of this evidence it will report its conclusions to DESNZ.
- This will then inform the government policy decision on hydrogen heating due in 2026.

For further information see: [HSE’s role on 100% hydrogen heating - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hse-announces-review-of-evidence-in-support-of-the-hydrogen-heating-programme)