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For the attention of Mr W.P.Jones Secretary - UKOPA

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Dear

**HSE Hazardous Installations Directorate - Land Division
Operational Pipeline and Natural Gas Supply Strategies for 2001/04**

For some years a three-year rolling strategy covering the operational aspects of HSE's involvement with the natural gas supply industry has been used to help develop the work programme for the Chemical and Hazardous Installation Division/Hazardous Installations Directorate. A companion operational strategy for onshore and offshore pipelines has now been prepared for the first time.

It is intended that both strategies enter the public domain and that the relevant industries and trades unions be consulted.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for your members to have access to the attached documents (the main papers and annexes summarising the main features of the strategies over a three-year period) and for any comments or views to be returned to me. I am happy to discuss any issue that may arise.

Thinking ahead, I believe it should be possible for HSE to produce wider strategies for the pipeline industry and the gas industry which deals with legislation, operational matters, technology/research and standards - ie HSE-wide strategies. I would be interested in your views on this approach.

Yours Sincerely

Alan Thayne
HM Principal Inspector of Health & Safety

