

# Gas Operational Forum Questions & Answers

**10th June 2009 - Radisson Grafton**

## Safety Monitors

### **Does total responsibility for Safety Monitors rest on the shoulders of the NTS?**

National Grid Transmission is responsible for the calculation of the Safety Monitor requirement. In assessing the requirement National Grid utilises a range of data including its forecast of the winter supply and demand position. The requirements are published on the Joint Office website at: <http://www.gasgovernance.com/Publications/SafeMons/>

Under the Network Gas Supply Emergency arrangements the Network Emergency Co-ordinator (NEC) may authorise actions to prevent a potential or actual breach of the safety monitor.

### **Do the DNs not have a similar safety case?**

The DNs' safety case is closely aligned to the National Grid Transmission safety case. Whilst DNs have to ensure that they have sufficient storage available to meet their 1:20 peak day requirement, and for orderly rundown of their network in the event of an emergency, they do not operate a DN equivalent of the Safety Monitors.

### **Therefore are the Safety Monitors "doubled up" with respect to DN networks?**

No, there is no duplication of safety monitors within the DNs.

### **What is the reason for the Entry cap options for Bacton and IG ? Should we expect restrictions on entry flows to SE England ?**

NG continually monitor and forecast potential entry capacity constraint risks on the system and use a range of mitigation actions to manage them. Under some circumstances, where risk of constraints is deemed to be higher than the norm, we will look to tender for buy back options to help us manage the buyback risks in the most economic and efficient manner. However, it should be appreciated that the options tender is not an indication of actual constraints occurring as the risks may or may not materialise in practice.

## SC2004 Communications Exercise

### **Shippers stated they had not received feedback on Emergency Exercise Prelude.**

Paul Youngman gave a presentation at the Gas Operations Forum and DFO Forum. Details with a link to the report were also sent. Full results of Exercise Prelude can be found on the HSE website on the link below.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/gas/supply/information.htm>

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Shippers asked if there was a Central Role in place where they would send information and this would be cascaded to the all Distribution Networks, e.g. if Shippers had to evacuate their Control Room they would inform the Central Role and they would forward this message on to the Networks.

There is not a Central Role in place, Shippers will have to inform **all** Distribution Networks of any changes.

**Date of Next Meeting:  
12th August 2009 at The Radisson Grafton Hotel**