

Gas Emergency Arrangements Priority Customers

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Gas Emergency Arrangements

- ◆ UK Legislative framework and the role of the Network Emergency Coordinator (NEC)
- ◆ Network Gas Supply Emergencies
 - ◆ Gas Deficit
 - ◆ Transportation Constraint
 - ◆ GS(M)R Safety Monitors
- ◆ Priority Customers

GS(M)R 1996

Safety Case obligations

- ◆ The current NEC Safety Case was accepted by the HSE in March 2005
- ◆ Its clear objective being:
 - ◆ To prevent a Network Gas Supply Emergency from occurring, and if it should occur
 - ◆ Minimising the risk to the general public
 - ◆ Taking into account, where possible, *priority customers*

Priority Customers

- ◆ 3 Categories of Priority Customers.
- ◆ Priority customers have to meet specific criteria as laid out by the Secretary of State.
- ◆ Application for registration is made by the Shipper on behalf of the consumer to Xoserve, who facilitate the process on behalf of the industry.

Priority Customers

Priority Category	Contract Type	Characteristics	Example of customers	GT Safety Case	No. of customers	Additional Information
Priority A	Firm	> 25,000 Therms per annum.	Failure to supply could put lives at risk. e.g. Hospitals or homes for elderly or disabled.	Protected by Monitor	5344	14 DM Aggregate AQ 300 GWh 5330 NDM Aggregate AQ 540 GWh
Priority B	Interruptible	Interruption Notice period normally 5 hours	Any of the above which have Interruptible Contracts	Protected by Isolation	194	
Priority C	Firm or Interruptible	Require adequate time to be safely shut down. Otherwise could sustain serious damage (£50m or more)	Major items of capital plant.e.g.Furnaces, Glass works.	Firm Priority C = Protected by Monitor. Interruptible Priority C = Protected by Isolation	0	

Summary

- ◆ Current list maintained by Xoserve on behalf of Industry
- ◆ Topical subject in many arena's
- ◆ DTI are looking at criteria, with a view to possible minor change, category C
- ◆ Shippers reminded of obligation to make customers aware of criteria as applicable.