



Pipelines

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We must have emergency plans to cover certain major accident hazard pipelines (MAHP) within Hertsmere.

The following gives an overview of the emergency response to a pipeline incident and follows the recommended national format for Pipeline Safety Plans.

Pipeline system

National Grid Gas (formerly British Gas) is the operator for the notified Major Accident Hazard Pipelines in Hertsmere. Transco supply maps to us and the fire service showing pipeline routes and data to the emergency planning team. The details recorded include data on bore diameter, operating pressure and above ground equipment such as valves and pumping stations. This information is not available to the public.

Hazard and effect

An incident involving a high pressure gas pipeline is readily identified by the following features:

Release of gas



Duration of pipeline leaks



Blast effects and projectiles



Fire and explosion



Noise



Hazard range and emergency planning distances

National Grid Gas have calculated hazard information related to thermal radiation. This is supplied to the fire service and is also available to our planning department.

Plan activation

In view of the extreme nature of a high-pressure pipeline failure it is likely that initial notification will be by a member of the public to the police or gas supplier.

The single national gas emergency number for all notifications is 0800 111 999.

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