

## Joint Gas Network Position on the Requirement for a Safety Case for Pipelines Conveying Biomethane

The guidance below has been developed and agreed by Cadent, NGN, SGN and WWU.

Following the legislative update to the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 in April 2023, which implemented a number of changes to the legal obligations, GDNs would like to reinforce the specific requirement regarding the need for pipelines conveying biomethane to be operated with a safety case. The HSE guidance specifies that duty holders have until the 6 October 2024 to prepare and submit a safety case to the HSE if they are not already operating with one. As of 6 April 2023, it is also required for new biomethane connections that a safety case is submitted to and accepted by the HSE before commencing conveying gas. Biomethane operators should digest and establish to their own satisfaction, in conjunction with professional legal support, the steps that need to be instigated, if any, to comply with the amended legislation.

The link to the HSE guidance is detailed below:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/gas/gas-safety-management-regulation-changes.htm>

### Further Information

If you have any questions or would like any further information or assistance, please contact your Gas Distribution Network.

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