



Industrial Security Notice

2023/14

Subject: Network Gas Supply Emergency (NGSE) Priority Listing Category B Application for Defence Industry

Introduction

1. MOD is updating its guidance around Network Gas Supply Emergency (NGSE) priority listing application process for Defence Industry sites. This has been instigated following the updated NGSE criteria requirements on the 7 October 2022, which was approved by Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The priority listing scheme is now under the authority of Department of Energy and Net Zero (DESNZ).
2. An NGSE occurs in the event of the National Grid being unable to maintain a supply of natural gas to the National Transmission System. Further Guidance on the NGSE can be found in the following guidance at <https://www.nationalgas.com/safety-and-emergencies/network-gas-supply-emergencies-ngse>.
3. On 7 October 2022, the then Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (now the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) approved the revised criteria for Priority Customers, under the Gas Transporters Standard Licence Conditions. These customers will be the last to be instructed to cease taking gas, where this is necessary for safety reasons.
4. As a result, in accordance with condition 6, paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Gas Transporters Standard Licence Conditions GTSLC, the DESNZ Secretary of State directed gas transporters to base their priority lists on the following classes of relevant customers:
 - Category A: Relevant customers where a failure in the supply to their premises could put lives at risk.
 - Category B: Relevant customers for which the sudden loss of gas causes or threatens to cause serious damage, for an unacceptably prolonged period, to human welfare, the environment or the security of the United Kingdom that cannot be reasonably mitigated.
 - Category C: Relevant customers taking over 2 million therms per annum for which the sudden loss of gas would result in repair or replacement costs amounting to 10% or more of the Site Fixed Tangible Asset Value
5. The assessment of whether a site satisfies the criteria contained in Categories A and C rests with the gas transporter. Category B applications must be submitted via the relevant Lead Government Department of the relevant sector.

Issue

6. Defence industry sites may qualify for NGSE Category B status. Defence Industry applications must be endorsed by MOD for approval. Defence industry should contact their

relevant Top Level Budget Holder/ Enabling Organisation Contracting Authority or Project Team for sponsorship.

Action by Industry

7. Defence Industry sites should speak to relevant Top Level Budget Holder/Enabling Organisation Contracting Authority or Project Team to gain further information on NGSE criteria standards for application.

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