

CORGI Response to CER Proposed Vision
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As requested, this paper details the response from CORGI to CER on the proposed vision consultation paper issued by CER on 27th July 2007. The consultation paper relates to A Natural Gas Safety Regulatory Framework for Ireland.

The response from CORGI provides comment on the proposed vision and also raises a number of questions for further clarification.

2. Legislative Landscape

Point 2.1.1 regarding best practice in relation to the safe use of natural gas and the operation and maintenance of natural gas fittings; and the detection and reporting of natural gas leaks and other faults in natural gas fittings

CORGI feels that the Gas Safety Supervisory Body (GSSB hereafter) should be an integral part of this process.

Under point 2.1.2 paragraph 4, Section 13 provides for powers of entry onto land for gas safety related reasons by Gas Emergency Officers and Gas Safety Officers.

Although they will appointed by the Distribution System Operator and the Commission, will the officers be employed directly by the GSSB?

3. Proposed scope of safety regulatory framework

Point 3.14 Responsibility to promote
How will the HSA fit in to the governance process?

Point 3.2 What is not in scope, with reference to the statement from the Minister

Is there an intention to bring both upstream and downstream under the GSSB?

6. Proposed safety regulatory framework

Point 6.4 Gas Safety Promotion and Public Awareness

To confirm, CER would be responsible for the overall co-ordination of gas safety promotion and awareness activities.

Would the GSSB be expected to fund promotion and awareness campaigns, via installer levies, in addition to the consumer levies via the gas tariff?

What involvement would the GSSB be expected to have in the gas safety promotional activity?