



Gas Industry Co.



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## Revision of gas quality standard to accommodate blending of renewable gases - Consultation

Standards New Zealand has opened consultation on the draft revision of the gas quality standard, to allow the blending of renewable gases (such as biomethane and hydrogen) into the reticulated gas network.

The revision of [NZS 5442 Specification for reticulated natural gas](#) builds on last year's interim standard, which introduced changes to provide for biomethane injection including testing methods and frequencies. The latest revision provides for hydrogen blending up to 10% in local distribution systems, which is aligned with the equivalent Australian standard and backed by a body of international research.

Consultation closes on 2 June 2025. The [consultation paper](#) can be found on the Standards NZ website, and any queries should be directed to [enquiries@standards.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@standards.govt.nz).

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## Gas Information Exchange Protocols – Consultation

Gas Industry Co is seeking input from the industry on the potential introduction of new voluntary Gas Information Exchange Protocols (GIEPs).

GIEPs are guidelines relating to gas connections (ICPs) and gas consumption information which is routinely exchanged between gas market participants for a variety of reasons. The guidelines are voluntary and echo the equivalent protocols in the electricity industry.

By following these guidelines, stakeholders can streamline their information exchange processes, ensuring consistency and compatibility with industry agreed standards, while maintaining flexibility for future updates by being unregulated.

There are currently four voluntary GIEPs, and these can be found on the Gas Industry Co [website](#).

### Consultation

We are now seeking input from industry to help guide our decision on the introduction of additional voluntary GIEPs and the drafting of these, as well as feedback on ways to improve the four GIEPs currently in place.

More information and the Consultation Paper are available on the [Gas Information Exchange protocols \(GIEPs\)](#) page on the website.

Consultation closes on Friday, 13 June. Submissions should be forward to [Consultations@gasindustry.co.nz](mailto:Consultations@gasindustry.co.nz)

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## Biogas and biomethane greenhouse gas accounting method has now been finalised

Bioenergy Association of NZ and EECA have engaged Toitū Envirocare to develop an accounting method for biogas and biomethane greenhouse gas (GHG) for use by the emerging sector in New Zealand.

The [carbon intensity methodology](#) covers three waste-to-energy processes: wastewater treatment, landfill gas capture and the anaerobic digestion of organic waste to produce biogas and biomethane.

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## March 2025 Quarterly Report - lower gas supply volumes and higher prices

Our [March 2025 Quarterly Report](#) reports that average gas prices rose sharply in the first quarter of the year, as demand for gas has outstripped supply.

The report also includes the latest production and consumption data and an update on the Gas Industry Co work programme.

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## Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) annual exercise – 21 May 2025

A reminder that this year's annual CCO exercise (Exercise Tukurua) will take place on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

The Participant's Brief is available on the [CCO website](#).

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