



News Bulletin

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Your views: Monthly read requirements for allocation group 4 meters

We are seeking your views on whether monthly read requirements are still fit for purpose for allocation group 4 (AG4) customers. These are customers with non-time-of-use meters that use from 250GJ to 10TJ of gas per year.

The Reconciliation Code, the industry agreement which preceded the Gas (Downstream Reconciliation) Rules 2008, had a more stringent requirement that AG4 sites must be read at or close to the end of the month. Monthly-read obligations have therefore been the industry norm for well over 20 years.

Our paper explains the rationale for consulting on this rule, proposes some options, and seeks your views to inform our decision on whether to keep monthly read requirements or amend them.

The consultation opens Thursday 9 May 2024 and will run for five weeks.

Read [the paper](#) on our website.

Send your submission to consultations@gasindustry.co.nz by 5pm, Friday 14 June 2024.

Interim gas quality standard enables biomethane

Standards New Zealand has published the interim NZS5442 gas quality standard allowing biomethane injection into the reticulated gas network.

The final version of this standard is expected to also allow blending of hydrogen gas within the network.

By specifying limits for contaminants, the standard seeks to ensure the integrity of the transportation systems and prevent operating problems for end users.

It has updated the test methods and frequencies, and the revised standard has also relaxed the limit for oxygen and water.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the industry for their time and technical support in developing the interim standard and their ongoing involvement in the development of the final standard.

For more information, access the standard on [the Standards New Zealand website](#).

March Quarterly Report shows low gas supply volumes

Our Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2024 reports that gas supply volumes are low and there is not enough gas to meet contracted demand. The report also provides the latest production and consumption data and an update on our work in progress.

[Read the Quarterly Report on our website](#)

Reminder: Consultation on Retail Gas Contracts Oversight Scheme (Benchmarks and RCEs)

Our consultation on the Retail Gas Contracts Oversight Scheme Benchmarks and Reasonable Consumer Expectations (RCEs) is closing soon.

The consultation paper seeks stakeholders' views on a number of the Scheme's benchmarks, and our interpretation of those benchmarks and RCEs.

Read [the consultation paper and related documents](#) on our website:

Send your submissions to consultations@gasindustry.co.nz by 5pm, Friday 17 May 2024.

Critical Contingency Operator (CCO) exercise

A reminder that this year's annual CCO exercise will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

More information is available in the Participants' Brief available in the publications section of the [CCO website](#).

A change to the News Bulletin

We are changing how we send out the News Bulletin. From the next issue, we will send out the News Bulletin using the well-known marketing platform, Mailchimp.

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