

# Gas National Transmission System Maintenance Programme

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# 1. Introduction

Each year National Grid Gas Transmission undertakes a variety of maintenance and investment activities on the gas National Transmission System (NTS). This work can take many different forms, including keeping our assets in good working order, replacing ageing assets with new equipment, inspecting assets and facilitating new connections and capacity requirements.

This maintenance programme is intended to provide an indication to the gas industry of the impact of these works on the NTS, and any associated impact on entry or exit capacity from October 2015 to September 2017. This programme supersedes all previous plans.

This document provides an overview of work scheduled at NTS compressor stations and NTS pipelines.

Although every effort is made to align work to any customer or associated asset outages which we have been made aware of, this is not always possible and where NTS Exit Points are affected, we will endeavour to issue Maintenance Day notices to our customers at least 42 days in advance of the scheduled Maintenance work.

This document only includes maintenance activities on the NTS which are to be undertaken by National Grid NTS. It does not include maintenance carried out upstream of the NTS by Delivery Facility Operators (DFO's) and Producers or downstream of the NTS by the Distribution Networks and other NTS connected parties.

## 2. NTS Maintenance Work Monthly Summary

The following tables provide a summary of the NTS in line inspection work, other NTS pipeline work and NTS compressor outages. The month where the work is scheduled to take place has been highlighted in the tables. If it is the case that any work listed below has an effect on the flow of gas, affected sites and associated shippers will be contacted individually. The tables indicate which month the work takes place in, not that the work will take the whole of the month.


### 2.1 Planned In Line Inspections

National Grid Gas Transmission is required to carry out in-line inspections of our pipelines periodically in order to monitor and maintain their integrity, ensuring that they comply with the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PSSR). The in-line inspection process requires a number of Pipeline Inspection Gauges (PIGs) to travel through the pipeline in order to complete a full inspection. The number of “runs”, and the associated time taken for the work, can vary from pipeline to pipeline.

Area	In Line Inspections	2015			2016						2017		
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
SW	Fdr 23 - Tirley to Wormington												
NW	Fdr 25 - Bridge Farm to Mickle trafford												
SW	Fdr 14 - Sapperton to Cirencester												
NO	Fdr 10 - Thrunton to Saltwick												
SE	Fdr 04 - Tixover to Blaby												
EM	Fdr 05 - Roxwell to Luxborough												
SC	Fdr 10 - Bathgate to Penicuik												
WM	Fdr 11 - Samlesbury to Blackrod												
NO	Fdr 12 - Longtown to Bishop Auckland												
SC	Fdr 10 - Aberdeen to Kirriemuir												
NO	Fdr 15 - Longtown to Plumpton												
SE	Fdr 18 - Shorne to Farningham												
WM	Fdr 23 - Churchover to Honeybourne												
NO	Fdr 6 - Teesside to Cowpen Bewley												
EA	Fdr 7 - Tydd St Giles to Gosberton												
SC	Fdr 10 - Kirriemuir to Bathgath												

## 2.2 Pipeline Work

Pipeline work listed in this table below can include diversions of existing pipelines, facilitation of connections to the NTS, and replacement or maintenance of pipeline and associated assets (pipes, valves, pig traps etc.) which require some form of pressure restriction or isolation. Some work can be performed by restricting the pressure of gas in the pipeline; however some work requires a full shut down (often termed “isolation” or “outage”) of a section of the pipeline which would then be reinstated back to operational pressures once the work is completed.

 = Pressure Restriction

 = Pipeline Shutdown

 = Provisional period

Area	Pipeline Work	2015			2016						2017		
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
WS	Fdr 02 – Dowlais to Rhigos												
SC	Fdr 11 - St Fergus to Kinknockie												
NO	Fdr 06 - Wolviston to Cowpen Bewley												
EM	Fdr 08 - Theddlethorpe to Hatton												
EA	Fdr 02 – Brisley to Castle Acre												
SW	Fdr 14 - Pucklechurch to Seabank												
NO	Fdr 06 - Burton Agnes to Sherburn												
EA	Fdr 03 - Bacton to Roudham Heath												
NO	Fdr 06 – Yarm Trees South to Kirklevington												
NO	Fdr 06 - Cowpen Bewley to Teesside												
SC	Fdr 10 - Boon to Coldstream												
NW	Fdr 21 - Treales to Nateby												
EA	Fdr 4 - Kings Lynn to Saddlebow												

Please note: where a pipeline is required to be shut down the specific isolation points may differ from those displayed above. Any parties impacted by the works are contacted directly.

## 2.3 NTS Compressor Stations

Compressors are used to help move gas around the NTS to where it is needed, maintaining pressures required at exit points whilst avoiding over-pressurising pipelines. In order to maintain our capability at Compressor Stations, routine maintenance is performed as well as a variety of other projects to maintain and improve the fleet.

= Confirmed period       = Provisional period

Compressor	2015			2016						2017		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Aberdeen												
Alrewas												
Avonbridge East												
Avonbridge West												
Aylesbury												
Bishop Auckland												
Carnforth												
Cambridge												
Chelmsford												
Churchover												
Diss												
Felindre												
Hatton												
Huntingdon												
Kings Lynn												
Kirriemuir												
Lockerley												
Moffat												
Nether Kellet												
Peterborough												
Warrington												
Wisbech												
Wooler												
Wormington												

## 3. Maintenance Affected Exit Points

We aim to minimise the impact of our maintenance on customers through transparency, aligning our work with their outages as appropriate and facilitating customer needs for flexibility.

### Outages

Each year we ask when our customers' outages are to enable alignment of works. If your outages move, please get in touch as early as possible so that we can consider whether we can also realign our works to reduce any impact of these works. Please contact us to advise of any change to outage periods via email at [NTSaccessplanning@nationalgrid.com](mailto:NTSaccessplanning@nationalgrid.com).

Where possible, work is co-ordinated with the end user to avoid supply disruption, however in certain circumstances it may be necessary to schedule work at a time which may require disrupting the supply to an Exit Point whilst the NTS maintenance is undertaken.

Shippers, End-Users and Distribution Networks will be advised, in accordance with the Uniform Network Code (UNC) requirements and timescales, of any required disruptions to supply at an Exit Point by the issuing of a Maintenance Day(s) to the relevant party.

Maintenance Day notifications have been issued directly to all relevant parties for the work detailed in this maintenance programme for the period April to October 2015. Where work has been aligned to outages, or there is no anticipated impact for other operational reasons, we have issued Advice Notices for your convenience to confirm these arrangements. Should any changes or additions to the requested Maintenance Days be required, all relevant parties will be notified in line with the timescales detailed in the UNC.

### Minor Works Agreement

We recognise that sometimes standard maintenance approaches may not be optimal for our customers. Where this is the case the Minor Works Agreement can enable parties to agree different maintenance approaches through a bilateral contract with directly connected customers. Customers can pay the incremental costs of working flexibly outside normal working practices where we are able to accommodate these requests. For any questions relating to Minor Works Agreements, please contact the Business and Operations Planning Team on 01926 655625 or email via [Transmission.MaintenanceRequests.NTS@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Transmission.MaintenanceRequests.NTS@nationalgrid.com).

### General Queries

Further information on the maintenance activities undertaken by us is available on our website<sup>1</sup>.

If you have any queries, questions or feedback regarding the information contained within this document, please contact:

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/industry-information/gas-transmission-system-operations/maintenance/>