



Guidance Tailboard

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What is changing?

Due to the recent gas explosion in Carmel-by-the-Sea, as a result of welding on a control fitting and then tapping it out on a 2" steel main which was inserted with 1 1/4" plastic main several protocols have been developed to ensure Gas Carrier Pipe Verification takes place prior to any welding or tapping operations taking place on our Gas Distribution system. These protocols were developed by representation from management and IBEW subject matter experts.

Why does it matter?

To ensure we are providing personal safety to our employees and the public, these protocols must be implemented and followed immediately to prevent any further similar gas events such as the one in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Required Action

1. Review the 5mm meeting attached to this e-mail along with the Gas Carrier Pipe Checklist and ensure you are familiar with how to check for completion of the checklist. Adherence to the checklist is mandatory.
2. Conduct a "Stand-up meeting" to train your teams about the new required checklist. All instructions are included in both the 5mm and on the checklist.
3. Direct any outstanding questions you have to the Gas Methods and Procedures team who are leading this effort and are the point of contact.
4. Additional information on fittings and tools will be forth coming once they have been validated and tested for safety and proper operation.