

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board  
**From:** Des Johnson, Deputy Planning Officer  
**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2004.  
**Re:** Corrib Gas. Ref. PL 16.207212

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I recommend that the views of the Health & Safety Authority be sought as follows.

The Board is in receipt of the report prepared by the H&SA for Mayo County Council, dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2004 in relation to Reg. Reference P03/3343. The Board notes that the report states that the remit of the H&SA is restricted to the area within the proposed security fence footprint where the hazardous substances are processed and stored (the 'establishment'). It also notes from the report that the stated focus of the H&SA approach is to concentrate on matters related to off-site risk and that the worst possible consequences would be caused by a full-bore rupture at the high pressure import gas pipeline, although the risk of such an event is considered very unlikely.

The views of the H&SA are sought with regard to the following:

1. Does the Authority's conclusion in relation to 'worst possible consequences' relate solely to the length of import pipeline within the establishment site or could it apply to the full length of the import pipeline from the landfall to the terminal?
2. Is there a statutory person or body with a remit to advise on the safety (both structural and operational) of the import pipeline from the landfall to the terminal?
3. It is noted from the H&SA report that the operator has committed to have a Safety Audit and Review as required by the Seveso II Directive. Is it the H&SA view that this Audit would encompass all aspects of the scheme, or would it be confined to the establishment?

Please respond within 21 days of the date of this letter.