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SWMS FOR WORKING ON OR NEAR A PRESSURISED GAS DISTRIBUTION MAINS OR PIPING

SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT INCORPORATES RISK ASSESSMENT

Client/Principal Contractor	Insert client and/or PC name	Project Address:	Insert the project's address
Company Address:	Insert your company address	Phone Number:	Insert your business number
SWMS Prepared By:	Insert person	In Consultation With:	Refer to Consultation and Sign-Off Record
SWMS Approved By:	Insert person	Distribution To:	All persons involved in the work scope
SWMS Date:	Insert date	Review Date:	12 months or as required
Person(s) responsible for implementing, monitoring and compliance to the SWMS:	Insert person(s)	Responsible Person's Name:	Insert the person's phone number
Work Scope Description:	General work on or near pressurized gas distribution mains or piping. This is a 'High Risk Construction Work' under section 2(1) of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.		
List the qualifications and training requirements for this activity:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction in safe work practices. • Gas work must be performed by trained and competent personnel installing, removing, altering, repairing, servicing or modifying a gas system. 		
Details of inspections and maintenance checks required for this activity:	Regular checks and inspection of equipment used.		
Are there any additional circumstances that may affect this activity?	Personnel must follow additional safe work procedures, plans, rules and instructions given by an authorized person of the workplace.		
Legislative References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Health and Safety Act • Work Health and Safety Regulation • Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act • Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Regulations • How to Manage Work Health and Safety Risks Code of Practice • Australian Standard 2885 - Pipelines, Gas and Liquid Petroleum • Australian Standard 3814- Industrial and Commercial Gas Fired Appliances • Australian Standard 4645 - Gas Distribution Network Management • Australian Standard 5601 - Gas Installations 		

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JOB STEP		POTENTIAL HAZARDS Identify the hazards relating to health and safety with each step	RISKS Identify the risks to health and safety related to each step	LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE	INITIAL RISK SCORE	CONTROL MEASURES, CHECKS AND MONITORING Decide on what actions are necessary to eliminate, or minimize risk to a reasonably practical level	LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE	REVISED RISK SCORE	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
1.	Planning and preparation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncoordinated work plan. Unprepared personnel. Unqualified personnel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of not understanding procedures. Suitable equipment not available. Personnel not having necessary skills or being unprepared for the work. 	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that consultation with the Principal Contractor, Client and/or Gas Service Authority has been undertaken to identify all risks and hazards associated with the work. Personnel must be assessed and suitably trained for the task and must understand the gas distribution main, piping and decide on necessary control measures. Obtain a review of the work plan, equipment, piping, and any existing gas distribution mains or piping. Establish and maintain safe working areas, barricades and ensure all the resources are available for the job. Clear and concise instruction is given to all personnel whose job involves working on or near pressurized gas distribution mains or piping. <p>Note: Work on or near pressurized gas distribution mains or piping must only be undertaken by personnel who have received the necessary instruction and training and are deemed competent.</p>	1	2	2 Low	Manager Supervisor Workers
2.	Identification of gas distribution lines or pipes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ignition sources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal injury. Damage to service of equipment. 	3	3	9 High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain prescribed information (location, type, depth and restrictions) from relevant authorities on the location of gas distribution lines or pipes. 	1	3	3 Low	Manager Supervisor Workers