



## GOVERNMENT PIPELINES AND STORAGE SYSTEM (GPSS)

- The pipeline is located on your property and is nominally buried at a depth of 1 metre (3 feet) but in some locations this depth of cover could be greater or less.
- Government Oil Pipelines are protected under the Land Powers (Defence) Act 1958 and in particular under Section 16 which requires that Consent is given prior to any works taking place which affect the pipeline. No construction of any building/structure or excavation work, other than normal agricultural activity, may take place within 3.05 metres (10 feet) of this apparatus without specific consent of the Secretary of State.
- Please contact us if you are planning, or have carried out, any activities either over the pipeline or within 3.05 metres (10 feet) either side of the pipeline. Where such activities are planned, certain mitigating measures may be required to allow consent to be granted under Section 16 of the Land Powers (Defence) Act 1958. These measures should be agreed prior to any outline or full planning, or Section 16 application being sought or works planned or implemented. Such mitigation could consist of inspection and/or protection of the GPSS facilities affected by the proposed or planned activities. Furthermore, it must be noted that all works having an impact on the GPSS facilities are subject to current Health and Safety legislation, the main statutory provision being the Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996.
- Where works are planned on land that will be carried out by a third party/contractor, as the landowner/occupier, you have a responsibility to make sure that they are made aware of the existence of the pipeline.
- Our Client is most anxious that the pipeline does not get damaged inadvertently in any way, reducing the possibility of leakage and ground pollution. If you are in any doubt about the impact of any activities in the vicinity of the pipeline then we would ask you to contact us at the earliest opportunity in order that we can arrange for the pipeline to be located and pegged out if necessary. It may also, depending on the activity, be necessary to have a representative present while the work is being undertaken.
- In the case of agricultural land, there is no desire to restrict normal farming activities. However, again in order to avoid damage to the pipeline, special care should be taken for works such as mole draining, deep ploughing, ditching, putting up fences, creating water supplies to troughs, and removing tree stumps adjacent to the pipeline. If you envisage any of these works then we would ask you to contact us in order to allow the pipeline to be accurately located.
- As a precautionary measure the pipelines are flown by helicopter on a regular basis. In certain circumstances, it may become necessary for the helicopter to land if the integrity of the pipeline is being jeopardised.



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