

Holford H165 Gas Storage Cavity

Moss Lane
Lostock Green
Northwich
CW9 7ST



CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS (COMAH) REGULATIONS 2015 INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Cadent Gas Limited is the operator of the above site, which is subject to the requirements of the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 2015. In accordance with these regulations, Cadent has provided a formal notification of the site to the COMAH Competent Authority (the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and the Environment Agency (EA)) and has submitted a safety report.

The COMAH Regulations require that the site operator (Cadent) provide members of the public located within an area that could be affected by a major accident with information regarding the site. The information provided must include a description of the activities undertaken at the site and the actions to be taken in the unlikely event of a major accident.

The site is used by Cadent to store natural gas in an underground salt cavity. Natural gas is also contained in the pressure regulating installation and pipelines which form part of the gas supply system for the site.

The Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation 2008 (CLP) classifies natural gas to be in the Hazard Category P2 Flammable Gases, Category 1 or 2. Natural gas is not a toxic substance, but it is flammable. The potential hazards from natural gas are associated with flame contact, thermal radiation, explosion caused by over-pressurisation and asphyxiation. In the event of a major accident, it is likely that natural gas will be released into the atmosphere. Natural gas would normally disperse safely but, if ignited, could cause a fire. If a major accident occurs you may smell gas, hear the noise of escaping gas and see or feel the heat from a large fire.

Site visits have been carried out by the Competent Authority (HSE and EA) and a program of further inspections are planned. Further information on the plan can be found on the HSE's website at www.hse.gov.uk/comah/comah-establishments.htm

Cadent has provided the Cheshire Emergency Planning Authority with information about possible major accident scenarios at the site. The information has been used to prepare an Off-Site Emergency Plan. Further information on this plan is available from:

Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team – 01244 973869

Cadent also liaises with the emergency services to minimize the effects of a major accident. In the event of a major accident at the site, you should follow the Major Emergency Safety Information instructions provided with this letter, unless you are advised otherwise by the Police, Fire Service or Cadent personnel.

Please keep this letter and accompanying information in a safe and accessible location so that the instructions can be followed in the event of an emergency at the site. Please take note that the advice to close your doors and windows differs from that ordinarily given by the National Gas Emergency Service which is based on a gas release within a property.

The Cadent manager Head of Energy Operations (North West) is responsible for the site and is based at – Cadent, Mersey Road North, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9FF.

For further information, please contact Cadent via telephone on 0345 835 1111 or go to our website at www.cadentgas.com/contact-us