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Dear community member

Further to my previous update, I am now able to confirm that from 8th April we will begin the initial preparations required to stand down plant operations ahead of our £140m upgrade.

The stand down process itself is currently scheduled to begin on **12 April**, and will require a limited period of flaring on that day.

The use of the flare for this activity is fully planned and, as part of its design function, is completely safe.

We have pro-actively provided our stand down flaring plans, as well as the detail of our community communications, to SEPA.

We are confident the major upgrade project will help to reduce the frequency of flaring by improving operational reliability.

Elevated flaring duration – 12 April

To help minimise any community disruption, we have taken a number of steps ahead of the stand down to reduce required flaring.

We are currently estimating that we will exit our elevated flare by the end of 12 April – with the size of the flare decreasing relatively quickly during its use.

After this, we will use the ground flares for around two days with volumes also continuing to decrease during that time.



Why we need to use our flare

As you may already be aware, we have elected to conduct the work in April to coincide with maintenance from the North Sea, including St Fergus Terminal in Peterhead and at our neighbouring FNGL facility at Mossmorran – this coordination will reduce the total volume of flaring.

As this maintenance begins, the flow of gas to FEP will be stopped. However, the gas that was already on its way will continue, arriving at the plant some four days later.

At this point, the Process Gas Compressor – which pushes gas through FEP – will be switched off and the arriving gas safely diverted to the flare. With the plant no longer in production, we can then begin emptying all processing units of any residual gas – again, this is safely directed to the flare.

Once these processing units are empty, they can be safely accessed to begin work.

Community Awareness

We are today beginning our community awareness campaign, using a range of communication approaches, including door drops, social media, newspaper and radio adverts and our Rapid Reach service, to engage as many residents as possible.

We will continue to share more information with you but, in the meantime, if you have any questions please let us know.

Best Regards

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