

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

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Update on Pipeline Leak in Guayaguayare Bay

NGC wishes to update the public on progress with regard to the repairs on its 24" sub-sea pipeline in the Guayaguayare/Beachfield area.

Investigations have been completed to determine the location of the leak.

The line is being operated at a very low pressure at present to prevent the ingress of salt water while detailed repair execution plans are being formulated to ensure the works are carried out under very rigid safety guidelines. Given the technical challenges of executing the repairs in a manner that ensures no injuries to personnel, NGC is reviewing the proposed repair plan and will only allow repairs to commence when it is satisfied that all hazards have been identified and the associated mitigating plans are acceptable. NGC expects to approve these plans such that physical repairs could commence in the next 24- 48 hours, at which time the flow of gas will cease.

In the interim, NGC has a combined dedicated Corp Comm and EHS team that is continuously interacting with the community, including conducting face-to-face visits to keep local residents informed and to address their concerns, providing loud speaker announcements and distributing fliers to all homes and businesses, giving frequent updates. Eng & Construction also has dedicated staff assigned to the project on the contractor's side.

Rigorous air quality testing began on Monday 12th Sept. As of Thursday 15th, these readings are being collected on a 24-hour continuous basis by an independent contractor. Thus far, the air quality results continue to provide readings of zero for presence of any hydrocarbons. Water quality testing also started on Thursday 15th and will continue for as long as is necessary.

NGC is committed to conducting its operations in the safest possible manner, and with the highest regard for preserving the environment. We will make use of every opportunity to keep the local and national community informed and updated of developments as they come to hand.