

**Corrib Gas Pipeline
Safety Review of Upstream, Onshore
Section**

Launch of Draft Report

Corrib Technical Advisory Group

Department of Communications, Marine and Natural
Resources

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Role of Technical Advisory Group

Established late July 2005 to:

- appoint consultants and manage safety review
- make recommendations to Minister arising from review
- design and put in place new inspection and monitoring regime for Corrib project

Role of the Consultants, Advantica

Selected after rigorous open tender process and recommendation to Minister. Their work:

- identifies all relevant documentation relating to the design, construction and operation of the onshore, upstream section of the Corrib gas pipeline and associated facilities
- critically examines all such documentation
- concludes whether or not the proposed installations:
 - have been or will be designed, constructed, installed, operated to appropriate standards, codes of practice, regulations and operating procedures
 - comply with recognised international “best practice”
 - will deliver a facility which is “fit for purpose”

Role of the Consultants, Advantica

- identifies any deficiencies in any respect relating to the above
- makes recommendations regarding such deficiencies
- provides detailed guidance on the implementation of any recommendations

Public Consultation

- Minister anxious that concerned public had opportunity to raise issues for consideration in the review
- Consultation period announced in September
- Two days of oral submissions in October
- Both oral and written submissions received (18)
- All submissions passed to Advantica for consideration

Draft Report

- Draft report received by Minister on 21 November 2005
- Delivery of findings first in North Mayo
- Today first opportunity for Advantica to present findings
- Report available here now
- Report published on DCMNR website later today

Presentation by Advantica

- Advantica will now present the findings of their report
- Afterwards, they will answer questions on the content of their report

What Next?

- Report published today, Thursday 8th December
- Comments on the draft report invited up to close of business on Thursday 22nd December; any submissions received will be posted on the DCMNR website
- Advantica will consider comments received and produce final report as soon as possible.
- TAG will then prepare a report with recommendations for the Minister

Comments on Draft Report

Comments can be sent by post, by fax or by e-mail, or hand delivered (by 5.00 on 22nd December 2005) to:

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