



Keuper Gas Storage Project

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Statement of Compliance

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**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
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PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009**

KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION 11
of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact
Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended)**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document details compliance with the *Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009* (“the EIA Regulations 2009”).
- 1.2 The document has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 5(2)(a) of the *Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009* and in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance *Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance* and the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 6 on *Preparation and submission of application documents*.

2. Pre-application Publicity under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009

- 2.1 On 12th March 2014 the Applicant submitted to the Secretary of State (“SoS”) a request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion, pursuant to Regulation 8 (1) of the EIA Regulations 2009. The request was accompanied by a Scoping Report which also comprised notification that the Applicant proposes to provide an ES in respect of the application, pursuant to Regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2009.
- 2.2 The SoS carried out an EIA Scoping Consultation and adopted a Scoping Opinion on 24th April 2014. The SoS confirmed to the Applicant in writing the prescribed consultees that were consulted, in accordance with Regulation 9(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations. The SoS also confirmed that there were no persons meeting the description in Regulation 9(1)(c) EIA Regulations 2009. A copy of the Scoping Opinion can be found at Annex B of the General Environmental Statement Annexes section of the Environmental Statement Technical Appendices (Doc ref. 6.2).
- 2.3 The SoCC prepared and published in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) included a statement that the proposed development is EIA development and set out how the applicant intended to publicise and consult on the

preliminary environmental information in accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations 2009. A copy of the SoCC can be found at Annex 03 of the Consultation Report (Doc ref. 5.1.03).

2.4 When commencing statutory consultation with prescribed consultees (section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act) and local authorities (section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act) the Applicant included a copy of the notice published pursuant to section 48 of the 2008 Act in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations 2009. An example of the letter sent to prescribed consultees and local authorities can be found at Annex 14 of the Consultation Report (Doc ref. 5.1.14).

2.5 Notice of the application under section 48 of the 2008 Act was published in the following newspapers, on the following dates:

- The Guardian - Public Notices – Wednesday 1st October 2014
- The London Gazette – Public Notices – Wednesday 1st October 2014
- The Northwich Guardian – Wednesday 1st October 2014
- The Runcorn and Widnes World – Wednesday 1st October 2014
- The Runcorn and Widnes Weekly News – Thursday 2nd October 2014
- The Northwich Guardian – Wednesday 8th October 2014
- The Runcorn and Widnes World – Wednesday 8th October 2014
- The Runcorn and Widnes Weekly News – Thursday 9th October 2014

2.6 Copies of the newspaper notices can be found at Annex 11 of the Consultation Report (Doc ref. 5.1.11).