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Good afternoon Chris

I trust you are well?

I read with interest the attached press release from BBC Radio Newsbeat today whereby, I would kindly ask you to clarify if possible some of the points mentioned within the statement and also observe my comments A-C;

- A. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced from Incomplete Combustion, not exclusively from the lack of Oxygen as described. A thorough strip down service of gaseous appliances, pursuant to the manufacturer's instructions, commonly identify the integrity of gaseous appliances as to whether they are safe for continual use by the end user thus preventing incomplete combustion occurring as opposed to the current annual checks.
- B. The statistics from National Grid PLC state they were called to 9,500 CO incidents in four months, notably, during the summer which is low peak/demand of natural gas usage by consumers unlike the autumn and winter months whereby demand is far greater.
- C. During 2014, 62 households on a daily average, reported a CO incident. This equates to 22,630 properties annually affecting almost 100,000 persons.

My questions to you are;

1. How did the occupants of the properties become aware they had a CO problem?
2. How were the Emergency Service Providers equipped to confirm the presence of CO?
3. Were any or all of these incidents from CO Detector activations?
4. If so, how many were false alarms?
5. How many RIDDOR's raised?
6. Given this statement was made by National Grid PLC, I, therefore, assume these 9,500 CO incidents were within their region of the UK only?
7. How many of these CO incidents occurred within the private rental, social housing and homeowners?

If I have read this article correct, I am assuming the statistics from other licensed franchised Transporters such as SGN, NGN, Scotia Gas and Wales & West Utilities are absent from their respective regions?

Given the above-mentioned companies are only responsible for the Natural Gas infrastructure, the true figure would greatly multiply once all Fossil Fuels installations and appliances were factored into the equation, therefore, demonstrating the UK does, in fact, have a serious problem with Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

You may recall that Consumer Safety International and ANEC produced the European leaflet "The Silent Killer" which included the World Health Organisation's (WHO) statistics on CO

poisoning whereby this latest article suggests the WHO data to be correct.

I await your response in this regard and thank you in anticipation.

Kind Regards

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