

Operation Note nº 2 – 12.03.2019

Vessel detour to Mugardos regasification



Exceptional Operation Situation Level ZERO

A preventive seawater system maintenance in the regasification plant of Bilbao for the period from 25th March to 9th April 2019 is included in the 2019 Annual Maintenance Program, published by the Gestor Técnico del Sistema (GTS), involving the partial unavailability of the plant, taking into account important risks that prevent to guarantee a safe unload during this maintenance operation. Consequently, no LNG vessel unload operations have been admitted in this plant for the indicated period.

After the publication of 2019 March initial monthly program, one of the users whose unload in Bilbao was initially programmed the 24th March, has reported an adjustment on the unload date by the supplier, matching this operation with the seawater system maintenance.

The operator of the Bilbao regasification plant has developed and sent to the GTS a supporting technical report which indicates that, while the maintenance is being carried out, it is not possible to carry out the unload previously aforesaid or to move the maintenance so that both operations do not overlap.

Therefore, the regasification plant operator has requested to the GTS the ship detour, initially programmed the 24th March in Bilbao plant, to Mugardos plant the 28th March. The commercial reward would take place at the initially scheduled plant. The operators of both plants and the affected user have formally stated their conformity with the detour operation.

The operation does not imply any additional costs to the GTS, nor does it have any impact on the rest of users.

The GTS, after the previous relevant evaluation, declares an Exceptional Operation Situation Level 0 for the detour.