

To all GAMA members and stakeholders – the GAMA Executive welcomes you all back to what we hope is a safe and prosperous 2017 and to the first edition of Gas Connections for the new year.



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GTRC Technical Guidance Bulletins

The GTRC is about to publish (Dated 1 January 2017):

1. Technical Guidance Bulletin 9 – Portable unflued water heaters
2. Technical Guidance Bulletin 10 – Portable butane cookers
3. Technical Guidance Bulletin 11 – Transitional requirements for the implementation of flame failure on domestic cookers

Additionally, *Technical Guidance Bulletin 8 – Fire pits* has been revised following consultation with industry and the relevant Standards Australia committee.

Finally, minor editorial changes were made to *Technical Guidance Bulletin 6 – Area heaters and table top heaters* to address comments related to terminology used to describe table top heaters. This included the addition of a definition for a table top heater.

Transitional arrangements and expected actions are contained within these documents, which are all available from <http://www.gtrc.gov.au/publications/technical-guidance-bulletins/>

At this link you will also be able to access previous GTRC Technical Bulletins which include:

- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 1 - EFFICIENCY ROOM SEALED SPACE HEATERS
- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 2 - ENERGY STAR RATING
- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 3 - CYLINDER SEPARATION
- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 6 - AREA HEATERS AND TABLE TOP HEATERS
- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 7 - DIRECT FIRED AIR HEATERS LESS THAN 50 MJ PER HOUR OPERATING AT PRESSURE GREATER THAN 2.75 KPA
- TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 8 - FIRE PITS

Can the European Gas Market Absorb Additional Gas Volumes? How? How much? Where?

European Gas Hub - 13 January 2017

At the moment, the energy industry is discussing the occurrence of a significant worldwide oversupply of natural gas. It is expected that the oversupply of gas will be the dominant situation also for the years to come and will be a key market driver for gas industry players.

The gas oversupply is mainly triggered by two opposing developments:

- first, the weakened economy in Asia and the resulting gas offtake which has fallen behind expectations especially in China, and
- second, even though that gas markets are dominated by low gas and oil prices, additional gas reserves will come on stream in the following years due to major LNG infrastructure projects being build and commissioned mainly in the US and Australia.

[Read the full report here](#)

Potential Pitfalls to OPEC's Latest Agreement: Why it May Not Deliver a Long-term Price Rise

European Gas Hub - 13 January 2017

It has become increasingly evident that OPEC is abandoning its strategy of flooding the market with cheap oil in an effort to 'kill off' the US shale industry; a strategy that has failed to deliver on its aims. OPEC is now willing to lose market share in order to see oil prices rise again.

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