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Gas Appliances (Carbon Monoxide) Safety Strategy – Release of draft Strategy for public comment

The Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) has today released a draft of the Gas Appliances (Carbon Monoxide) Safety Strategy (the draft Strategy) for public comment.

On 3 May 2011 the MCE requested that the Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC) conduct research and produce an independent report exploring options to mitigate the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, in line with a [terms of reference](#). The draft Strategy produced by the GTRC provides a detailed technical discussion and examines the causes of CO accumulation to hazardous levels and presents the merits of potential options to mitigate the risk of CO poisoning in residences and recreational vehicles.

The draft Strategy is for consultation purposes only, and does not represent the final views of Energy Ministers or state and territory governments. Following an approximately four week public consultation period the MCE will determine, in consultation with the Commonwealth Office of Best Practice Regulation, the need to develop a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS). Submissions provided to the MCE will further inform the final Strategy and the development of a RIS if required. Should a RIS process be needed there will be further opportunity for public consultation later in 2011.

Written submissions on the draft Strategy should be submitted to the MCE Secretariat by close of business on **Friday 19 August 2011**. Submissions will be posted on the MCE website unless stakeholders specifically state that their submission is to be treated as confidential.

Electronic submissions are preferred and can be sent to:

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Those who wish to provide hard copies by post may do so by addressing their submissions to:

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