

To: GISB Executive Committee

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Subject: Comments on EDM Standards Manual Version 1.4

The Commenters agree that, at the appropriate time, the JDK level should be upgraded to version 1.2.X. However, we disagree with the timing proposed by the Future Technology Task Force (FTTF) on their October 29 conference call. The Commenters request that the standards require all industry participants to be upgraded to JDK version 1.2.X by October 31, 2000.

At its September meeting, the Executive Committee instructed the EDM Subcommittee to ensure that the draft EDM standards manual is consistent with the standards that were ratified by GISB membership; not to make substantive modifications to ratified standards (e.g., JDK version). The reason the EDM manual was not published on August 31, 1999 with the rest of the GISB Version 1.4 manuals is because it was not consistent with the ratified standards.

The gas industry has been working feverishly to meet the June 2000 implementation deadline. GISB adopted an implementation schedule and ratified standards, and the industry has been working to meet the June 2000 deadline using this schedule. It is not acceptable for GISB to make revisions to ratified standards that raise the bar at this late date.

Any substantive change to any of the standards that are to be implemented by June 2000 should be deemed significant and, therefore, does not fall within the intent of a minor clarification and correction. The Commenters believe that this is a significant change and request the standards require all industry participants to be upgraded to JDK version 1.2.X by October 31, 2000.