

## Issue Categorization and Prioritization

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Further to the June 7 MAC meeting, the matrix has been revised to reflect an additional issue type.

The issue categorization matrix below is to be used to determine issue priority and to evaluate whether or not specific and detailed recommendations are necessary or if general suggestions for follow up would be more appropriate. If an existing team or process is in place to address the issue, the working group will prepare an issue decision document outlining their intent to the MAC. The MAC would then decide on an appropriate course of action.

Type of Issue	No existing team or process	Existing team or process in place
NGC specific	<p>NGC working group develop detailed, specific CBM/NGC <b>recommendations</b> for the MAC</p> <p><i>e.g. gap exists in existing regulation but no team to handle it</i></p>	<p>NGC working group request assistance. Working group will prepare an issue decision document. The MAC will decide; if another existing team/organization can develop detailed, specific recommendations and provide the MAC with an update; or, if they can develop detailed, specific recommendations for MAC ratification; or; if their feedback can be used by the working group to develop recommendations for the MAC</p> <p><i>e.g. fresh water disposal</i></p>
NGC general but strongly related	<p>NGC working group develop CBM/NGC <b>recommendations</b> for the MAC</p> <p><i>e.g. existing regulations fall short as to what is needed</i></p>	<p>NGC working group request assistance. Working group will prepare an issue decision document for the MAC to determine if CBM/NGC <b>recommendations</b> can be provided to the MAC by another existing team/organization or if their feedback can be used by the working group to develop recommendations for the MAC</p> <p><i>e.g. flaring/venting</i></p>
General natural gas issue	<p>NGC working group develop <b>recommendations or suggestions</b> for the MAC.</p> <p><i>e.g. assessment of water quality</i></p>	<p>NGC working group request assistance. Working group will prepare an issue decision document for the MAC to determine if CBM/NGC <b>recommendations or suggestions</b> can be provided to the MAC by another existing team/organization or if their feedback can be used by working group to develop recommendations or suggestions for the MAC.</p> <p><i>e.g. noise</i></p>