

Gemini 2008 Summer Release (UKL13958) Update

Progression to Implementation Stage

The Revised LDZ Shrinkage Arrangements Reform is continuing to progress well, and now entering into the last phase of the project.

User Acceptance Testing was successfully completed on 21st July 2008 (ahead of schedule) after almost 5 weeks of dedicated User Acceptance Testing from the relevant business areas. A total of 103 test cases were executed, for which there are no outstanding faults.

This change will now be combined with the Gemini Summer Release 2008 (UKL13950) in order that extended Gemini outages are minimised.

Pre-Implementation assurance activities are scheduled to be undertaken for two weeks prior to implementation; weeks commencing 4th and 11th August 2008.

The xoserve implementation activities are on schedule to enable implementation on the agreed date of 17th August 2008. This will necessitate an outage to the Gemini production system between 4am and 9am (with a contingency of 11am if a roll-back of code is required) which has been approved at UK Link Committee. Additionally, a contingency implementation date has been established, 24th August 2008, and plans have been developed should a contingency implementation be required.

The Gemini changes necessitate a number of amendments to National Grid systems; these changes will be implemented in a coordinated approach with the Gemini deployment. Both organisations are working closely to ensure alignment of associated activities.

A further update will be provided prior to implementation.

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