

## Gas blast in WA

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Gas supplies to Western Australia are expected to be disrupted for days after an explosion at an offshore plant which supplies up to 40% of the state's gas needs.

It is not expected to affect domestic residential electricity supplies as the plant owner, US-based Apache Energy, does not supply gas to Verve Energy, WA's main power station operator.

But Apache is listed as the second biggest gas supplier to the WA domestic market and it is not yet clear how gas supplies to homes will be affected.

The explosion took place near one of Apache's gas export pipelines on Varanus island, about 100km off Karratha.

Major consumers of gas such as Alcoa and Burrup Fertilisers have already approached Woodside Petroleum requesting it to fill any potential gap in energy supplies.