

# Industry Update

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## IMPORTANT: Antenna Replacement Works at the Oxford Transmitter

**Arqiva estimates that, weather permitting, works are to be completed and all services fully restored to the main antenna by end September 2010.**

**The Fire has damaged the main antenna, a new one is on order.**

The fire at the Oxford transmitter on Thursday 13 May 2010 has damaged the main antenna beyond repair. A replacement antenna has been ordered and services will continue to be transmitted from the reserve antenna until the new antenna is in place and tested.

**Arqiva expects works to finish and all services to be back by end September 2010.**

These works are expected to complete by end September 2010, weather permitting; and Arqiva estimates that all services are expected to be fully restored to the main antenna by end September 2010.

**The cause of the fire is to be investigated.**

Arqiva is still not exactly clear what caused the fire. The antenna will need to be brought down from the mast and taken away for full testing so the cause can be pinpointed.

**Some viewers (with fringe reception or poor aerials) may continue to have reception issues until the end of September 2010.**

Services continue to be transmitted from the reserve antenna. Some viewers on the margins of Oxford's service area or those with poor aerial installations may still experience problems receiving some or all TV services. This is a continuation of the situation before the fire, and has been the case since early February 2010 when services were first moved to the reserve antenna for works to the main antenna in preparation for switchover.

**No impact expected to switchover.**

Arqiva expects to be able to recover the time lost in the switchover programme as a result of this fire, and the switchover timetable is not expected to be affected.

**For the latest information**

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