

UKOPA EMERGENCY PLAN TEST COST ESTIMATES

**A Note by the Emergency Planning Work Group
for UKOPA Approval**

1. BACKGROUND

As part of the process to amend PSR 96 to incorporate the requirement for Local Authorities to test pipeline emergency plans every 3 years, HSE are required to carry out a regulatory impact assessment. As input to this, HSE have requested that UKOPA provides cost estimates for the testing of emergency plans.

2. UKOPA COST ESTIMATES

The Emergency Planning Work Group has compiled cost estimates (attached) for a pipeline emergency plan test, which cover i) internal costs incurred by the Operator, and ii) external costs incurred by the Local Authority, which could be recharged to the Operator. In each case, a minimum and maximum estimate has been derived. The minimum estimate relates to a desk top test, while the maximum relates to a full scale test.

3. REQUIREMENT

Approval to submit the emergency plan test cost estimates to HSE is required.

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