UKOPA EMERGENCY PLANNING WORK GROUP

Terms of Reference

Aim

The aim of the Emergency Planning Work Group is to influence the development of new legislation and to identify, define and promote awareness of best practice interpretation and implementation of emergency planning requirements of major hazard legislation.

Objectives

The objectives of the Emergency Planning Work Group are:-

i) To represent the UK pipeline operators (UKOPA) in discussions with the Legislator on major hazard legislation.

ii) To share knowledge and best practice on emergency planning between UKOPA members.

iii) To review, interpret and question the Legislator's proposals to amend and implement amendments to PSR 1996.

iv) To influence the scope of testing, and ensure the value on pipeline operations is maximized.

v) To ensure that pipeline operator interests are properly represented in the establishment of duties under major hazard legislation.

vi) To collate relevant information from UKOPA members to input to any regulatory impact assessment.

vii) To provide strategic advice on emergency planning and testing requirements to UKOPA.

viii) To consider and brief UKOPA on the implications of the European Pipeline Safety Instrument on UK pipeline operations.

Organisation

The Working Group reports to the main UKOPA Committee.

i) Membership

The membership comprises representatives from all UKOPA full members, together with other relevant advisers / parties agreed by UKOPA. Current members are:-

J Haswell (Chairman)	-	Advantica
R Ellis	-	Shell
K Thomas	-	Huntsman
K Raeburn	-	BP
N Jackson	-	Transco
R White	-	Fina
P Jones (Adviser / Secretary)	-	Pipeline Integrity Engineers

ii) Meetings

Meetings of the Work Group will be held as agreed by the membership in order to deal with the current workload.