

## Proposed new Working Group on Pipelines

### **Remit**

The remit of the working group will be to advise the Major Hazards Subcommittee (MHSC) of ACDS on issues relevant to its work on controlling the risks from pipelines.

### **Terms of reference**

The working group will provide for a dialogue between Government, as represented by the HSE and its relevant advisory committees, and those directly involved in the pipeline sector.

The working group will be able to apply its knowledge of the sector to undertake a range of specific projects/tasks on behalf of the HSE and the relevant advisory committee - MHSC.

The range of projects and tasks to be undertaken, including time scale and reporting arrangements, will be agreed by, and reported to, the relevant advisory committee - MHSC.

### **Membership**

- \* an independent chairman drawn from ACDS or its subcommittees, including the option of ACDS external nomination.
- \* two HSE representatives drawn from policy and operations.
- \* two/three (two, if Secretariat drawn from UKOPA) representatives from the industry drawn from UKOPA membership.
- \* two independent representatives nominated by ACDS or subcommittees.
- \* others to be co-opted by the working group to meet the needs of specific projects.

### **Arrangements and frequency of meetings**

Dependent on the scale of the projects - for Chairman of Working Group to agree.

### **Venue**

To be arranged, but likely to be a mix of business and HSE premises.

### **Reporting Arrangements**

Chairman of Working Group on Pipelines to agree with MHSC Chairman, but likely to include update to each MHSC meeting.

### **Resourcing**

*(Not anticipated that there would be any direct cash implications arising from this - apart from miscellaneous servicing costs such as refreshments, photocopying, postage etc).*

### **Review**

The activities of the Working Group on Pipelines will be subject to annual review by MHSC.