

UKOPA

Emergency Planning for Pipelines - Operators' Issues

WHO?

- **UKOPA:-** represents pipeline operators' interests in influencing legislation and developing a consistent position on strategic issues.
- **Emergency Planning Work Group:**
 - promotes best practice interpretation and implementation of emergency planning requirements of major hazard legislation.

What are we influencing?

- Avoidance of direct imposition of fixed site emergency planning and testing requirements onto pipelines.
- The implementation of an equitable, effective and practical emergency planning and testing regime for pipelines.

Why?

- **Pipelines are:**
 - **Distributed transportation assets**
 - **Remotely operated**
 - **Located on 3rd party land**
 - **Safe**

- **Pipelines are not:**
 - **Fixed installations**
 - **Located in secure/controlled compounds**

How?

- **Influencing Strategy involving:**
 - **Consultation (PEPF)**
 - **PERO Training**
 - **Demonstration (Pilot Test)**
 - **Communication (with LA's)**
- **Development of Principles**
 - **Principles of Agreement**
 - **Pipeline specific issues**

Principles of Agreement

- Desktop testing
- Joint testing
- Testing of pipeline specific issues:
 - diagnostic period
 - communications
- Standardisation of pipeline operator input to LA test
- Concentration on response/management systems

Pipeline Specific Issues

- Communications
- Pipeline Specific Information
- Key Contact - PERO

Communication with LAs

- >75% support desk top testing
- >80% support testing over a geographic area
- <40% support a national schedule of tests
- Conclusion - potential for agreement but more work needed to achieve common understanding

Current Priority

- Influence the Development of ACoP:
 - Build on principles of agreement
 - Recommend desk top testing
 - Include pipeline specific issues
 - Use existing guidance, but with specific application to pipelines
 - Promote best practice interpretation

UKOPA Proposals for ACoP

- Work with HSE
- Involve duty holders and stakeholders
- Agree specification
- Action drafting
- Consultation through PEPF
- Adoption by HSE