

ACDS MHSC Working Group On Pipelines

Notes of Meeting held on 8th May 2002, Staffordshire University

Attendance:

G P Walker	Chairman
P Siddals	UKOPA/Transco
P Davis	UKOPA/BPA
M Harrison	UKOPA/Huntsman
R McConnell	Independent/ABB
R Turner	HSE MSDU
N Briscoe	HSE Policy Unit
J Haswell	UKOPA/Secretary

Apologies:

A Thayne HSE HID

1 Notes of Previous Meeting

The following corrections to the notes of the previous meeting were noted:

- i) Section 2.7, title to be corrected to "HSE Fundamental Review of Land Use Planning"
- ii) Section 4.2.1, reword item i), first bullet as follows: "A key issue identified was the increase in CD for suburban pipelines, which was believed to be mainly associated with frequency rather than consequence modelling."
- iii) Section 4.2.1, reword item iv), second bullet as follows: "Consider scope for predictive modelling of mechanical failure mechanisms".
- iv) Section 4.3 action on N Briscoe to circulate HSE LUP Report No 6 to be deleted (duplicated from Section 2.7).

Amended notes to be issued.

Action J Haswell

The status and approval of meeting notes was discussed. The process was confirmed as: J Haswell to issue draft notes to G Walker for approval. Approved notes to be circulated to WGP, members to provide comments/corrections within 2 weeks. Revised notes, incorporating any comments/corrections received, to be confirmed at next meeting.

Action J Haswell

2 Actions from Previous Meeting (not on Agenda)

2.1 MHSC/ACDS Minutes (previous item 2.4)

N Briscoe to arrange for draft minutes to be forwarded to J Haswell for circulation to WGP.

Action N Briscoe

2.2 Code of Conduct (previous item 2.6)

J Haswell to summarise information provided by members on a minimum required basis in a format which complies with the ACDS ACoP Annexe C for circulation.

Action J Haswell

2.3 HSE Fundamental Review of Land Use Planning (previous item 2.7)

N Briscoe to forward an electronic copy of Report No 6 (circulated to WGP members at the Technical Workshop) to J Haswell for circulation.

Action complete

2.4 ACDS Committee Structure (previous item 3)

J Haswell to compare the terms of reference for the MHSC WGP and Gas Safety Transmission and Distribution Working Group and advise on potential overlaps of interest.

Action ongoing. N Briscoe agreed to forward terms of reference for the Transmission and Distribution Working Group to J Haswell.

Action J Haswell/N Briscoe

A Thayne to summarise key responsibilities under GS(M)R and PSR.

Action complete

2.5 HSE Fundamental Review of Land Use Planning (previous item 4.3)

B McCullough to prepare briefing note.

Action closed (replaced by 2.3 above).

2.6 Cabinet Office Review of Emergency Planning in England and Wales

N Briscoe to investigate potential impact of White Paper entitled "Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services" published by DETR.

N Briscoe stated that this paper was part of the government initiative to place emphasis on the need for and change the source of funding for emergency planning, and as such would not impact on the requirement under PSR. G Walker noted that he would advise of any update following attendance at a meeting at the Cabinet Office in the near future.

Action complete.

2.7 WGP Report to MHSC/ACDS

G Walker confirmed WGP Report 2 had been submitted to MHSC.

2.8 WGP Document Register

J Haswell to create WGP document register.

It was agreed the format of the register would be extended to include the original document filename, the date circulated to WGP and the confidentiality status. It was noted that all documents would have open status unless the originator actioned otherwise.

Action J Haswell

3 Technical Work Programme

3.1 WGP Working Party (RA) – Terms of Reference

Terms of reference for the WGP Working Party (RA) to be drafted for agreement at the next meeting.

Action R McConnell

As actioned at the previous meeting (reference previous item 4.2.2), R McConnell had drafted terms of reference for the WP (RA). Draft 2 (document reference WGP/02/0018) was considered in detail.

It was confirmed that the WP (RA) has a separate remit to the UKOPA RAWG, and that the terms of reference should be amended to confirm that the WP (RA) is coordinated by R McConnell, comprises of members of the UKOPA RAWG and HSE, and reports to the WGP, through which its status would be formalised as part of the ACDS committee/consultation structure.

Action R McConnell

3.2 WGP Working Party (RA) – Actions and Progress

R McConnell reported that as actioned at the last WGP meeting, the WP (RA) had been formed, and the actions raised at the last WGP meeting had been addressed. R McConnell tabled notes of the first meeting of the WP (RA) (document reference WGP/02/0019) which had been held on 30th April, and reported on actions and progress.

The action to transfer data in the UKOPA database into a format suitable to incorporate in HSE failure frequency modelling is in progress. The HSE model now incorporates Advantica Structural Reliability Analysis (SRA) models for third party damage, and S Pointer is reviewing UKOPA data for mechanical and natural damage.

R McConnell presented the technical work programme proposed by the WP (RA), this was discussed in detail and agreed in principle. However R Turner (HSE) stressed that HSE resources were limited, and could not undertake any work in addition to that required to deliver the risk-based codified LUP advice methodology for gas pipelines until this was complete. The work programme priorities were revised to accommodate this. R McConnell agreed to revise the draft work programme in accordance with the discussion.

Action R McConnell

3.3 HSE Fundamental Review of Land Use Planning – Impact on Pipelines

R Turner stated that the HSE codified risk-based methodology for land use planning advice for gas pipelines was scheduled for completion in June, and roll-out in September 2002. Technical resources were dedicated to achieving this timescale. R Turner offered WPG the opportunity to comment on the methodology, and a special WGP meeting was agreed (25th June, date to be confirmed, hosted by Transco at Loughborough) for this purpose. It was agreed this meeting would be open, additional attendees could be invited.

Action J Haswell/All

R Turner stated that the Fundamental Review of LUP was now being taken forward as an implementation project led by Linda Murray, who is based in the Information and Research Section. The project is expected to have three key stages:

- i) Risk criteria,
- ii) Overview of methodologies to develop overall zoning advice,
- iii) Development of documentation and guidance notes for all stakeholders.

R Turner stated that the project was resource constrained, so timescales had not been set at this stage. Internal discussions relating to risk criteria had commenced. He stated that this project would address the practical implications of the Fundamental Review. G Walker asked whether formal consultation documents would be circulated. R Turner stated that HSE had not yet considered the consultation process, this would probably involve informal circulation for comment, followed by a discussion document (which would replace the 1989 LUP methodology document) progressed via committee consultation for approval by HSC.

R Turner agreed to provide a more formal update at the next meeting.

Action R Turner

3.4 HSE Operational Strategy for Pipelines

The final draft version of the Operational Strategy for Pipelines (original document references WGP/02/0010 and 11) submitted by A Thayne, was tabled for WGP to note the paper and agree its publication on the HSE website. The paper was considered in detail by WGP, the following comments were noted:

Para 8 - Typo, replace 'syatems' with 'systems'.

Para 22 – Clarification requested – does this paragraph relate to the HSE COI project? If so, can wording be aligned?

Para 25 – Clarification requested - indicate whether this is a future aspiration or a current intent.

Para 28 - The Regulations against which the intervention strategy will apply to be noted (ie which regulations, who will intervene and how).

Para 44 – “GINTO” to be replaced with “GWINTO”.

NB The WGP notes that aspects of the paper relate to distribution and offshore, which fall within the remit of other WGs, committees, organisations and associations. The WGP assumes that as the response to previous consultation has been addressed, the WGP’s ability to accept the paper is not limited.

Subject to incorporation of the above minor revisions, the document was agreed. J Haswell to submit changes noted to A Thayne for incorporation in the paper prior to its publication.

Action J Haswell/A Thayne

3.5 Emergency Planning For Pipelines - Update

J Haswell reported that UKOPA had prepared an outline for the proposed interpretive guidance and ACoP on testing of pipeline emergency plans, and a proposal for a joint programme of work with LAs. These documents had been forwarded to LA representatives for consideration and response.

3.6 Chemicals and Pipelines Emergency Planning Group - Update

J Haswell tabled a briefing note, prepared by the UKOPA EPWG (document reference WGP/02/0017), which summarised discussion points relating to pipelines.

N Briscoe noted that HSE had raised the issue of loss of accuracy relating to Transco pipeline mapping information associated with the transfer to GIS.

It was agreed that in future, the WGP would receive full CAP EPLG notes.

Action J Haswell

5 Legislation Update

5.1 UK Legislation

N Briscoe reported that proposed amendments to PSR are on hold until the amendments required to address Transco mains replacement issues are completed. The timescale for completion has slipped due to complex legal discussions.

5.2 EU Directive

N Briscoe reported there was no change to the report given at the previous meeting. R Turner stated that it is expected that the DG11 WG5 (LUP) will be reconstituted, as it is widely recognised there is significant disparity re approaches (or lack of) to LUP among member states.

6 WGP Report to MHSC.ACDS

It was agreed the WGP report would cover

- i) The review and approval of the WP (RA) remit and work programme priorities.
- ii) HSE Operational Strategy for Pipelines – agreement by WGP, subject to minor modifications.
- iii) Updates covering the drafting of interpretive guidance and ACoP for pipeline emergency plan testing and CAP EPLG discussions.
- iv) The MHSC WGP has not yet resolved the potential for overlap in remits of the MHSC WGP and the GSSC Transmission and Distribution Working Group.

Action J Haswell

7 AOB

There were no items of AOB.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2002 at the ABB offices at Daresbury, commencing 10.30 am.