

Emergency Planning Work Group

Update Report – January 2004

UKOPA/04/0010

EPWG Status reported in September 2003

Testing of Emergency Plans:

- No further progress on draft Regulations/ACoP/Guidance document produced jointly with LAEPs
- HSE had proposed a revised approach, to be progressed by CAPEPLG
- CAPEPLG actioned the formation of Working Group including UKOPA representation.

PERO Course:

- Sembcorp Utilities had confirmed intent to organise course (including administration, hosting, facilitation and charging)

Update - ACoP

- HSE confirmed previous consultation and draft will not be progressed
- LAEP contacts indicated that the Civil Contingencies Bill may impact on emergency response
- Neil Jackson prepared a briefing note with proposals for EPWG strategy, which is supported by EPWG and to be developed.

Civil Contingencies Bill - Summary

- Developed following fuel crisis (2000) and 11th September
- Objectives - New, single legislative framework for national resilience - Improvement and coordination of emergency planning and emergency response.
- Bill published on 7th Jan 2004
- Regulations to be published in 2005
- Defines Category 1 and Category 2 responders with consistent responsibilities across all local areas.
 - Category 1 – Responsible for planning - LAs, emergency services, Health Authorities
 - Category 2 – Involved in incidents in their sector – utilities, airport authorities, transport bodies.

Link with Pipeline Emergency Planning and Testing of Plans

- Regulations will not apply to major accidents, but the proposed Resilience Groups and corresponding Resilience Areas may provide an area basis for testing of pipeline emergency plans.
- It is proposed that UKOPA propose this via the CAPEPLG Working Group

Pipeline Emergency Response Course

Proposals developed by Ken Thomas progressed as follows:

- Sembcorp Utilities to provide course based on UKOPA defined programme
- UKOPA to supply (90%) core reading material (prepared by Jim Watson, Huntsman) via website
- Sembcorp Utilities (or other) to prepare additional (10%) core reading material and presentation material
- Advantica/Transco to present Analysis of Real Pipeline Incidents
- 2 x 1 day courses, June & Oct 2004, Wilton, Teesside

Pipeline Emergency Response Course

Programme (10.00 – 16.00)

- Introduction, Aims and objectives
- Overview of Emergency Planning (eg Legislation, plans, procedures, communication systems, personnel, scenarios, equipment, categorisation of incidents)
- PERO (Cross-industry definition, role, checklist, information, media, safety)
- Discussion
- Analysis of Real Pipeline Incidents (External Lecture – Advantica/Transco) – causes, failure modes and consequences, effect of environment, prevention
- Definitions and Terminology
- Role of Emergency Services
- Desk top exercise
- Discussion, questions, feedback