

# **HSE Strategy for Workplace Health & Safety to 2010 and beyond – issues for the Pipelines Industry**

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- Introduction to the Strategy
- Gas & Pipelines Strategy 2004 – 2007
- Proposed initiatives – UKOPA
- How things will change

# HSE Strategy to 2010 & beyond

- Launched Feb'2004
- Overall vision & direction for H&S System
- Cornerstone of a civilised society & a record on H&S that leads the world
- Key drivers
  - ◆ Safety performance static
  - ◆ Massive improvement in Health required
  - ◆ UK structural change
  - ◆ Resources

## Strategic themes

- Developing closer partnerships
- A sensible H&S culture
- Focusing on our core business
- Communication effectively

# Developing closer partnerships

- Working with & through others
  - ◆ Professional institutions
  - ◆ Standards making bodies
  - ◆ Etc.

## A sensible H&S culture

- Sensible approach to risk management
  - ◆ H&S has been hi-jacked
  - ◆ Over-zealous application
- Involvement of the workforce

## Focusing on our core business (1)

- Clear priorities - what we do (and don't) and why?
- Public safety better regulated by others
- Enforcement – secure proportionate compliance with the law

## **Focusing on our core business (2)**

- Major hazards industries and public assurance
  - ◆ Pipeline integrity
  - ◆ Sell off of Transco networks
  - ◆ COMAH sites (terminals, OPA sites, LNG import facilities, salt cavity storage)
  - ◆ GSMR – supply emergencies, gas specification
  - ◆ Third party incidents around MAHPs

## Focusing on our core business (3)

### ■ Health issues

- ◆ Stress – long working hours, irregular shift patterns
- ◆ Musculoskeletal disorders
  - ◆ HAVs
  - ◆ Manual handling

# Communicating effectively

- Need to develop more open, mature, transparent and inclusive two way communications with a wide range of stakeholders

## Something for nothing?

- PSR amendments dropped
- GSMR amendments
- LUP issues
- Involvement in standards work?

## MAHPs - third party damage

- Currently developing strategy
- Improve links with UKOPA and take action on 'poor performers'
- Targeted investigation of third party damage/ potentially serious near misses to MAHPs
- Joint initiatives with Construction
- No-dig seminar September 2004
- Work with major players (e.g. BP)

# Summary

- More of the same but better targeted
- Clear decision to support and work with UKOPA
- MAH pipelines remain core business
- Will not get involved unless fits with strategy