

Summary of Key Points from the Notes of the Meeting held at BG's Offices, Reading on 15th/16th September 2004.

Present:

P. Brown, Transmission Policy Manager, National Grid Transco (Chairman).
R. Ellis, Manager, Pipeline Group, Shell UK Ltd.
L. Boswell, Pipeline Availability Team Leader, bp FPSI.
N. Jackson, Transmission Policy Adviser, National Grid Transco.
K. Curtis, Pipeline Engineer, Powergen Gas Ltd.
P. Davis, Director and General Manager, BPA.
M. Price, Operations Manager, BPA.
D. Gray, Pipeline Protection Engineer, Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd (16th).
R. White, General Manager, Total (UK) Ltd.
D. Cullen, Senior Pipeline Supervisor, Shell Expro.
P. Docherty, Mechanical Engineering Manager, Semcorp Utilities.
S. Kennedy, Design Manager, Network Policy, National Grid Transco (15th).
R. Michie, Transmission Operations Manager BG Group.
D. Wilkes. BG Group (16th).
S.Chatfield, Health and Safety Executive (16th).
R.McConnell, Consultant.
J. Haswell, Consultant, Pipeline Integrity Engineers Ltd.
W. P. Jones, Pipeline Integrity Engineers Ltd. (Secretary).

1. Presentations

Presentations were received on:

- i) AC corrosion of Pipelines – Two Case Histories – Chris Movely, HSE.
Key Points:
 - The possibility of AC corrosion should be considered during the design of a pipeline, and mitigation installed if appropriate.
 - The problem is not confined to one type of pipeline coating.
 - It is not clear whether AC corrosion is self limiting in some situations.
 - Preventative maintenance via an integrity management system is recommended.

- ii) HSE's 5-year strategic plan for Workplace Health & Safety to 2010 and beyond – issues for the Pipelines Industry – Steve Chatfield, HSE.
Key Points:

- Key drivers to the strategy include identified need to improve health and safety performance.
- HSE will not progress proposed amendments to PSR 1996.
- MAH pipelines will remain core business.
- Intention to develop closer partnerships with stakeholders including a clear decision to support and work with UKOPA, particularly on third party interference.
- UKOPA/HSE meeting to be organised to explore how cooperation the third party issue can be progressed.

2. Incidents.

A number of incidents, including the Belgian incident, discussed and lessons learned shared where appropriate. On the basis of the information available to UKOPA it appeared that the key points are:

- Control of third party activity around pipelines
- Dealing with sub contractors
- Ensuring damage is reported and raising awareness of potential consequences of unreported damage
- Emergency response – safe evacuation distances
- Communication with control room – ensuring pressure is not increased when damage occurs
- Land Use Planning – control of development
- Sharing of pipeline location information with other operators.

3. UKOPA Strategy for Liaison with the HSE, the UKOPA/HSE Working Group on Pipelines, the UKOPA Risk Assessment Working Group and the UKOPA Emergency Planning Work Group.

It was agreed that despite the fact that the HSE has decided not to progress amendments to PSR 1996 for the time being, there is a need to continue to influence the proposals should they be resurrected sometime in the future, possibly in parallel with a European Directive on Pipelines. Key points of the strategy are to:

- Ensure that the Working Group on Pipelines continues to provide an effective interface with the HSE in line with its terms of reference and HSE stated intention of working closer with UKOPA.
- Inform and keep MHSC and ACDS advised of objectives.
- Continue with the technical work programme, funded by UKOPA, and to publish the results through agreed routes.
- Prepare supplements to PD8010 Part 1 and IGEM TD/1 Edition 4 covering a codified approach to pipeline risk analysis, risk based routeing and LUP zones for hazardous pipelines.
- Work done to date on emergency planning should be finalised as a formal UKOPA document and issued to HSE with a statement that if/when the issue is progressed in future, it is based fully on the work already done and agreed by stakeholders.

4. Fault Database Management Group.

Key points:

- Revised terms of reference and membership agreed.
- Peter Rycroft of HSE had joined the group, and Transco is now represented by Robert Owen.
- The new contract with Advantica for support of database has been finalised.

- Main priority of the Group is to ensure that the UKOPA fault database was recognized as fully representing the performance of all MAHPs.

5. Third Party Infringement Database.

Key Points:

- The database is being used to identify companies which are regularly infringing on pipelines.
- The HSE has become involved with one serial offender and are supporting the objectives of the database.
- Consideration to be given to setting up a Third Party Infringement Working Group.

6. PERO (Pipeline Emergency Response Officer) Course

The first UKOPA PERO course given by Sembcorp Utilities (Wilton) has been fully reviewed and minor revisions identified have been actioned. Additional course dates to the end of 2005 have been arranged to accommodate the demand.

Circulation – Pipelines Industries Guild.
Pipeline User Group.

7. UKOPA Contacts

For further information about UKOPA and its activities please contact the Chairman – Phil Brown on 01455 892743, or the Secretary – Phill Jones on 07831 450233. Alternatively refer to the Association's website - <http://www.ukopa.co.uk>

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