

Emergency Planning Work Group

UKOPA/05/0070

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EPWG – Terms of Reference

Aim

The aim of the Emergency Planning Work Group is to influence the development of new legislation and to identify, define and promote awareness of best practice interpretation and implementation of emergency planning requirements of major hazard legislation.

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Objectives

To represent UKOPA) in discussions with the Legislator on major hazard legislation.

To share knowledge and best practice on emergency planning between UKOPA members.

To review, interpret and question the Legislator's proposals to amend and implement amendments to PSR 1996.

To influence the scope of testing, and ensure the value on pipeline operations is maximized.

To ensure representation of that pipeline operator interests in the establishment of duties under major hazard legislation.

To collate relevant information from UKOPA members to input to regulatory impact assessment.

To provide strategic advice on emergency planning and testing requirements to UKOPA.

To consider and brief UKOPA on the implications of the European Pipeline Safety Instrument.

EPWG – Terms of Reference

Organisation

The Working Group reports to the main UKOPA Committee.

Membership

The membership comprises representatives from all UKOPA full members, together with other relevant advisers / parties agreed by UKOPA. Current members are:-

T Gillard	-	Shell
K Thomas	-	Huntsman
M Thomson	-	BP
N Jackson	-	Transco
R White	-	Total
T Taylor	-	Esso
J Haswell (Chairman)	-	UKOPA/PIE

EPWG – Original Drivers

- Proposed Amendments to PSR 96:
 - Regulation 25 (testing of emergency plans)
 - Regulation 26 (charging for testing)
- HSE Pipeline Emergency Planning Forum
- Proposed European Directive:
 - Requirements for testing of emergency plans
 - Provision of information to the public

EPWG – Deliverables

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EPWG – Chronology of Events – PSR

- Dec 96 – UKOPA letter to HSE expressing concerns re amendments to PSR 96 and requesting discussions
- May 97 – April 2000 – full involvement in HSE Pipeline Emergency Planning Form, PEPF
- July 1999 – UKOPA Pipeline Emergency Plan Test Pilot – arranged by Transco at Hollinwood
- July 1999 – Meeting with Stakeholders to establish Principles of Agreement
- September 1999 – open publication and wide circulation of Pilot test report and Principles of Agreement
- August 2000 – Correspondence with all Local Authorities, requesting views on joint testing etc
- Jan 2001 – report of correspondence exercise and outline draft requirements for ACoP

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- Feb 2001 HSE ACDS paper – confirmation of decision to progress amendments and recommending ACoP
- May 2001 ACoP action agreed via PEPF.
- Jan 2002 – draft outline agreed by UKOPA, plus joint work programme with LAs
- July 2002 – Meeting with LA EPs and HSE to agree ACoP
- September – agreement and finalisation of document by correspondence
- November 2002 – Draft consultation document in ACoP format provided by HSE agreed by UKOPA, LA EPs and HSE
- April 2003 – Revised consultation document issued by HSE (P Sargent)

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- May 2003 – WPG requests to be kept informed of development wrt to consultation, P Sargent agrees to discuss redraft of requirements with HSE Solicitor.
- September 2003 – P Sargent issues paper and actions consultation via CAPEPLG. CAPEPLG actions discussion via stakeholder Group.
- March 2004 - Stakeholder Group meets at Easingwold, actions for resolution are agreed.
- April 2004 – No progress on actions is reported by HSE to WGP.
- July 2004 – HSE announce that the proposed amendments to PSR 96 are withdrawn.

EPWG – Current Deliverables and Status

Deliverables
Represent UKOPA on CAPEPLG
Facilitate UKOPA support for PERO Courses
Maintain PERO Register
UKOPA input to European Pipeline Safety Instrument

- Most business now carried out by email
- A regular work programme will be established when required (ie progress of European PSI)