

PD 8010 O&M Questionnaire Progress Note

1. Summary of Returns

All Members have returned completed questionnaires and the responses have been collated and presented in document reference UKOPA/05/0107 which does not identify individual companies.

In summary it can be concluded that all Members have systems and procedures in place for operation and maintenance which comply with the requirements of PD8010. It is noted however that a number of comments and queries have been included and these are also listed on the collated response.

Conclusions

- i) All members have systems and procedures in place which comply with the requirements of PD8010.
- ii) The completed questionnaires include comments/queries which should be reviewed and a decision taken on whether they should be addressed as a separate issue.

2. PD8010-UKOPA/99/0073 Gap Analysis

2.1 Background and Summary

UKOPA/99/0073 is posted on the public section of the UKOPA website and the introduction on the site states that “This paper covers all aspects of maintenance and inspection for steel pipelines and pipeline systems, and their ancillary equipment, operating at pressures greater than 7 barg. The paper was actioned to provide a published industry reference on operations and maintenance strategy. The paper was developed by Transco, and was approved by UKOPA members as representing UKOPA's views.”

A preliminary PD8010 – UKOPA/99/0073 gap analysis has been carried out as actioned at the Association meeting held on the 18th/19th May 2005 and the results of the gap analysis are presented in document reference UKOPA/05/0108. Recommendations are also listed if it is decided to update the document to align with PD8010. The main issues arising out of the analysis are:

- i) UKOPA/99/0073 does not cover ancillary equipment as stated.
- ii) UKOPA/99/0073 does not cover many items which are listed in PD8010 e.g. safety and safety management systems, operating and maintenance plans, emergency plans, training and competence, frequencies and more.
- iii) UKOPA/99/0073 still has relevant sections such as legislative compliance and business and economic factors.

2.2 Conclusions

The main conclusions are that UKOPA/99/0073 does not cover installations as stated and does not include reference to certain aspects of operation and maintenance activities which are either listed in PD8010 or are a legal requirement.

2.3 Options

The options available are:

- i) Withdraw the document and refer to PD8010 as the industry reference for operation and maintenance.
- ii) Amend the introduction on the website and the document itself to more accurately define its scope and purpose
- iii) Update the document to include reference to significant omissions

As stated on the website UKOPA/99/0073 was actioned to provide a published industry reference on operations and maintenance strategy. It is therefore suggested that, in the first instance, consideration needs to be given to whether this is still the desired objective. If it is, then it is suggested that option (iii) is the way forward and that a small working group should be set up to complete the task and that the recommendations in the gap analysis be used as initial suggestions on how the document might be updated.