

UKOPA Strategy 2006-11

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How the strategy was developed

- Phill Jones identified and at the Management Council Meeting in January the need for a long term strategy
- Phill gave the group a presentation on the issues that he believed needed to be considered
- A one off meeting arranged of the management council members on the 4th of April at which the key areas of were identified
- A Draft document produced subsequent to the meeting
- It is now being presented to the members for their comment and input

New items to develop

- Improve exchange of information related to accidents and near misses
- Reduce the number of Association meetings per year from 3 to 2 plus a technical seminar. The attendance at the technical seminar would be opened up so that colleagues from member companies could be invited.
- Regular joint UKOPA-HSE strategy meetings

Continue to develop work in the following areas

- Sharing of good practice relating to pipeline operations
- Continue to collect fault data related to onshore major accident hazard pipelines
- Continue to collect near miss data related to individuals carrying out work in the vicinity of member's onshore pipelines (Infringement database)
- Take steps to reduce the incidence of third party damage
- Continue to develop risk assessment and hazard assessment methodologies
- Continue to publish industry requirements for work in the vicinity of onshore pipelines, e.g. wind farms and pipeline crossings
- Continue to represent the industry in discussions with HSE and other relevant government bodies
- Continue to develop and maintain competency requirements for working in the onshore pipeline industry

Next steps

- Members have until the 30th June to provide comments (to Phill Jones)
- Comments will be reviewed and the document updated
- A meeting will be arranged with the HSE to discuss the final document