



United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association

UKOPA STRATEGY 2007-2012

Areas of Activity, Tasks and Programme

Activity	Tasks	Actions	Short Term	Longer Term	Responsibility
1 Safe operation of pipelines	➤ Publish safety bulletins based on industry incidents.	Prepare UKOPA safety bulletin format using the NG proforma Action all members to provide submissions	Format developed and agreed in 2007	Annual review and summary for publication	W.P.Jones
	➤ Create a website forum for communicating safety bulletins	Obtain cost estimate	Requirements defined, plus website development in 2006		W.P.Jones
	➤ Share in meetings members incident/near miss experiences	Members to raise as required.			All Members
	➤ Collect and publish infringement data	Ongoing	2007 Report	Annual reports and automated collection of Members' data	IWG Chair
	➤ Communicate to individuals promoting works, risks and requirements for working in the vicinity of pipelines	Prepare UKOPA guidance/information DVD for publication on website	Guidance in the form of a DVD developed during 2007-8		IWG Chair

2 Management of risks associated with pipelines	➤ Collect and publish fault data for MAHP	Prepare failure data report	July 2007	Bi-annual addition to UKOPA database report – July 2009	FDMG Chair
	➤ Publication of fault statistics		December 2007		IWG Chair
	➤ Continue to share data and analysis on third party infringements in order to maintain HSE's active involvement in this issue	HSE involvement in IWG	Ongoing	Ongoing	IWG Chair
	➤ Publish code supplements	Ongoing	October 2006		RAWG Chair
	➤ Agree risk reduction mitigating measures	RAWG to approve technical justification paper and advise UKOPA confirmation of industry best practice	Completed		
	➤ Review other technical papers for publication	Prepare index of UKOPA papers for publication on website	To be completed in 3 rd quarter 2007	Update as appropriate	RAWG Chair
3 Share experiences and learning and promote best practice	➤ Publish documents on AC induced corrosion, DC stray currents, cathodic protection techniques	Prepare list of papers for discussion from UKOPA library	To be completed in 2007	Ongoing review of published documents	WP Jones (short term action)
	➤ Sharing of knowledge and best practice, and influencing of stakeholders and interested parties	Annual Technical Seminar	Annual event	Annual event	Management Council

	➤ Continue to arrange appropriate technical presentations at UKOPA meetings	Ongoing	October 2007	Annually at all meetings	Management Council
4 Single industry body to represent the pipeline transportation (hazardous fluids) industry	➤ Regular strategy level meetings with the HSE	Prepare remit, terms of reference and proposed attendance for discussion with HSE, arrange programme of meetings	Agree arrangements with the HSE during 2007.	Schedule annual meetings	MC Chair
	➤ To remain the recognised consultee on pipeline issues	Continue to influence relevant third parties	Ongoing	Ongoing	All Members
5 Pipeline Statutory Legislation	➤ Influence legislation and ensure that legislation take account of the requirements of stakeholders in particular pipeline operators	Ensure continued HSE/UKOPA engagement Arrange for links to UKOPA website Align UKOPA and HSE methodologies	Ongoing 2007 Supplements to be published 2007	Ongoing Action list and agreement(s) to be recorded	Management Council W P Jones RAWG Chair
	➤ Maintain awareness of EU environment	Standard items on meeting agendas as necessary	Ongoing	Ongoing	W P Jones
6 Ensure pipeline transportation remains a cost effective means of transportation of hazardous fluids	➤ To be developed	To be developed	To be developed	To be developed	To be developed

7 Sharing of operational best practice and experience including competency and training	➤ Pipeline damage assessment and repair methods	Newcastle University commissioned to undertake initial dent study	Results of initial Study July 2007		N. Jackson
		Consider preparation of guidance or information paper based on results of initial dent study.	Oct 2007 UKOPA meeting for decision on need	Dependant on decision	Management Council/Members
		Consider need for more detailed study of dents	October 2007 meeting for decision on need	Dependant on decision	Management Council/Members
		Identify other areas for joint funding by UKOPA	Proposals to February 2008 meeting		Management Council/Members
	➤ Online inspection	Continue to share experiences and company approaches at UKOPA meetings and through invitation of external speakers.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Management Council
	➤ Update of Operation and Maintenance strategy UKOPA/99/0073	Completed	Completed		
	➤ Maintain and publish an inventory of emergency equipment	Prepare controlled register and publish on website Review and update	Oct 2007	Annual Update	W.P. Jones

8 Development of improved technical solutions to pipeline transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide a forum for the creation of JIPs ➤ Develop links with academic and other R&D organisations e.g. Newcastle University Centre for Pipeline Engineering 	Dent Study already initiated and further studies to be considered Links already set up with Newcastle University through (i) Annual Prize (ii) Dent Study (iii) talks regarding mechanical damage model (iv) speakers at UKOPA meetings	Dent Study results July 2007 Ongoing	Dependant on further studies to be progressed Ongoing	
9 Protection of the environment	➤ Publish Environmental Bulletins	Prepare UKOPA environmental bulletin format (based on safety bulletin format)	Develop and agree requirements during 2007	Ongoing annual review of requirements	Management Council/ W P Jones
	➤ Publish on website (with safety bulletins?)	Request all members to provide submissions	Develop and agree requirements during 2007		Management Council/ W P Jones
	➤ Share in meetings members incident/near miss experiences	Include as standard agenda item and encourage feedback on lessons learned	Ongoing	Ongoing	Management Council/ W P Jones
	➤ Develop environmental risk assessment methodology	Establish Members' current approach at meetings	Confirm best practice 2007/2008	Consider need for issue of UKOPA guidance - 2009	W P Jones – agenda item for short term action

10 Codification of best practice	➤ Publish supplements to PD8010	Being progressed	October 2006		RAWG Chair
	➤ Continue to publish industry requirements, e.g. wind farms, pipeline crossing requirements	Circulate proposed amendments to TD/1 (other than supplements)	May 2007		W P Jones
		Prepare list of possible topics based on Members' best practice through discussions at meetings	Include for discussion on agenda of October 2007 meeting	Dependant on outcome of discussions	W P Jones
11 Effective communication and influencing processes	➤ Review membership categories	Completed	Completed		
	➤ Maintain and improve website	This is an ongoing process and installation of a search facility is currently being investigated	Search facility 2007	Ongoing	Management Council/W P Jones
	➤ Review content of brochure and poster		Review by October 2007 meeting		Management Council
	➤ Articles in trade journals and magazines	IWG, RAWG and FDMG to prepare articles for publication	Dec 2007	WGs to prepare annual articles for publication	IWG, RAWG and FDMG Chairs