

United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association

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To UKOPA Members

From Mark Harrison Chairman

Subject: UKOPA Safety Alerts

All,

Members of the UKOPA Management Council had a very productive meeting with the HSE in Sheffield yesterday, in which we presented UKOPA's 2007-2012 strategy.

We spent some time talking about deliverables from the strategy. HSE are keen to use (and recommend to others) UKOPA as an authoritative source of information and consultation. This discussion reinforced to me, however, that our credibility comes from our delivery. Whilst we remain focussed and productive, we will continue to be able to set the agenda and enjoy a strong working relationship. Conversely, if we have good words which are not backed up by deeds, our credibility will suffer, and with that our ability to achieve the Association's goals.

A good case in point is our stated aim to share learning from accidents and incidents, using the recently defined 'Safety Alerts' format. HSE are understandably very keen on this. Disappointingly, however, I understand that as yet Phill has not received any such Alerts.

Can I therefore strongly encourage you to take the time to provide examples of such alerts to Phill. A good collection of these ahead of the Oct 10th/11th meeting would send a very strong message, apart from the benefit to all of us from the shared learning.

Regards
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