

## Summary Notes of the UKOPA Meeting held at Grangemouth on 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

### 1. Attendance

The meeting was attended by 21 Representatives of the UK pipeline operators listed below and from the HSE and the Pipeline Users Group (PLUG):

Shell UK Ltd.  
National Grid.  
SABIC UK Petrochemicals.  
BP.  
Shell EPE.  
BPA.  
OPA.  
E.on UK plc.  
Total UK Ltd.  
Unipen.  
Ineos.  
Centrica Storage Ltd.

Apologies were received from representatives of the following pipeline operators:

Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd.  
BG Group.  
Northern Gas Networks.  
Wales and West Utilities.  
Scotia Gas Networks.

### 2. Presentations

The following presentations were received:

2.1 Pipeline Support Services provided by National Grid's Pipeline Maintenance Centre, Ambergate – Cliff Chenery, National Grid.

2.2 Proposal by PPSA to Organise a Seminar On behalf of UKOPA relating to recent developments in Pipeline Pigging Solutions – Solutions to Operational Problems – John Healy and Gill Hornby, PPSA.

2.3 Safety and Permit to Work Operation - A SABIC Pipelines Perspective – Linton Haw.

2.4 National Grid – Pipeline Permit to Work Arrangements – Tony Stonehewer.

2.5 Pipeline Permit to Work Questionnaire – Summary of Returns and Discussion.

2.6 Human Error Assessment – Rod McConnell.

2.7 Development of a Pipeline Safety Case using the HEMP Bow Tie Methodology – James Phipps, ABS.

2.8. Procedural Compliance and Behavioural Based Safety – Nick Dickerty - HSE.

2.9 Emergency Response Management Course Framework (PERO-P) and Model Questionnaire for UKOPA – Chris Herrington, Fire Services College

### 3. **Standard Pipeline Crossings**

Document posted on Members' section of the website.

### 4. **Emergency Pipeline Repairs and Record of Pipeline Emergency Equipment and Spares**

List to be updated and posted on Members' section of the website.

### 5. **UKOPA Ten Years Old**

Arrangements being made to publish article in various magazines.

### 6. **Interactive DVD – Pipelines and Emergency Response**

The Emergency Planning Work Group is to arrange for the interactive DVD covering familiarisation of pipelines and emergency response to be shown at the next meeting with a view to producing a UKOPA version.

### 7. **Newcastle University – MSc Student Prize**

The UKOPA prize will be awarded on an annual basis until otherwise actioned by a full meeting of the members. The presentation to this year's winner will be made on 4th December 2007.

### 8. **H, S & E Issues and UKOPA Safety Alerts**

Safety alerts provided by Members to be posted on the Members' section of the website.

### 9. **UKOPA Strategy 2007-2012**

(i) Meeting held with HSE in September when it was noted that the Associations' strategy aligned fairly closely with that of the HSE and it was agreed that the meeting should be held annually.

(ii) Progress report to be prepared by the end of the year.

## **10. Reports from the Working Group Chairmen – Salient Points**

### **10.1 Infringement Working Group**

(i) The development of the UKOPA excavation safety DVD is in progress.

(ii) Data is still being collated for the Infringement Database Report. Linewatch will provide a data collection service through their website, data will be collected into a central database to avoid duplication/differences in data held by Linewatch and UKOPA.

(iii) Production of safety cards – these are being developed and the design has been completed.

### **10.2 Risk Assessment Working Group**

(i) The Current focus of the group is on progressing a number of specific technical issues with the HSE and the publishing of the TD/1 and PD8010 technical supplements.

(ii) UKOPA to the HSE's consultation document - Proposals for revised policies for HSE advice on development control around large-scale petrol storage sites.

### **10.3 Fault Database Management Group**

(i) Work continuing to develop and publish damage statistics and to promote best practice in the pipeline industry.

(ii) There is a technical case for gasoline (and any other product which might be reclassified) pipeline operators to join the UKOPA database, and this is to be investigated.

### **10.4 Emergency Planning Working Group**

(i) The Group will be organising a meeting to prepare PERO (Pipeline Emergency Response Officer) and IC (Incident Controller) course requirements for agreement with members.

### **10.5 Process Safety Work Group**

Agreed that a Process Safety Group is to be formed and that Terms of Reference are to be prepared for agreement with Members – see next item.

## **11. Buncefield Incident - Feedback from the Process Safety Leadership Group (PSLG).**

Report received from UKOPA's representative on the Group:

- (i) The first meeting of the group was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September and terms of reference are currently in the course of being approved.
- (ii) The focus of the Group is process safety and what industry is doing about it post Buncefield. A number of items were raised and have been identified as issues for UKOPA.
- (iii) Agreed to set up the Process Safety Group to address the issues.

## **12. Technical Seminar 2008**

The theme of the Seminar for 2008 will be Risk Assessments and Land Use Planning. The seminar will be held at the NG facility Eakring on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

## **13. Pipeline Rating Next Round – UKOPA Involvement and Support**

The Valuation Office has approached UKOPA with a request that it joins the forum relating to the next reassessment of pipeline rates, and it has been agreed that the Association will participate.

## **14. The Proposed EU Soils Framework Directive Consultation Document**

It was agreed that the Association should submit comments before the deadline.

## **15. Proposed Legislative Changes to PSR 1996**

The HSE is proposing to progress changes to PSR 1996 relating to:

- (i) Gasoline pipelines – to reclassify them as major accident hazard pipelines.
- (ii) Emergency plans - requirement to test etc.
- (iii) Carbon dioxide pipelines to classify them as major accident hazard pipelines.

The programme for implementation is not clear at this time, but the earliest is likely to be October 2008.

HSE will consider any comments/suggestions relating to further changes to PSR which UKOPA might wish to recommend.

## **16. Actions Arising.**

Detailed list of actions arising from the meeting available in the members section of the UKOPA.

## **16. Dates and Venues of Future Meetings**

February 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Lensbury, Shell UK Ltd.

11<sup>th</sup> June Technical Seminar 2008, National Grid Training Centre Eakring.

October 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> – Venue to be confirmed.