

# **Emergency Planning Work Group**

Report to UKOPA February 2009

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# Outline of Report

- UKOPA Emergency Awareness DVD
- PERO Course Update
- Consultation with HSE wrt amendments to PSR on behalf of UKOPA
- EPWG 2009 Work Programme - Overview

# **UKOPA Emergency Awareness DVD**

- The DVD is available for members
- Additional copies may be ordered by members direct from Cinecosse
- The DVD will be issued to PERO course delegates

## PERO Course - Current position (1)

- The first PERO course will be held at the FSC on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March
- UKOPA nominations have been submitted
- Dates received for a further 3 courses during 2009, 4 courses during 2010 and 4 courses during 2011 have been requested
- Course notes are complete, presentation material is being finalised and desk top/live emergency exercise material is in development.
- Scenarios to be finalised in a meeting with FSC on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.

## PERO Course - Current position (2)

- The first PERO course will be delivered by D Cullen and T Taylor
- Course assessment and QA - the first course will be assessed for UKOPA by L Haw.
- Delegate assessment – each delegate will be requested to identify and prioritise key issues for the PERO, responses will be assessed
- Delegates will receive an attendance certificate and a register of attendance will be maintained.
- Formal competency assessment will remain the responsibility of the PERO's employer

# PERO Course - Issues for UKOPA

A number of issues which require UKOPA consideration and approval have been identified:-

- A process for management and administration of the course will be required to:-
  - Agree dates and arrangements with FSC
  - Allocate places and manage delegate lists/register of attendees
  - Assess and confirm the quality of the course for UKOPA
- Two presenters per course will be required to deliver lectures and support the exercises.
- Costs for presenters and who presents to be discussed and agreed.

# Consultation with HSE – Amendments to PSR -1

- The current HSE contact is Karen McDonough
- Additional information on costs has been requested and submitted, but there has been no further contact /consultation
- A revised RIA has not been received
- EPWG have requested a meeting to discuss progress on actions raised at the meeting with HSE (Sheffield, Aug 2008 – pre-consultation prior to issue of CD, review and discussion of revised RIA, meetings with LAs)
- EPWG recommends that UKOPA raise outstanding operator issues at a senior level in HSE

# PSR Amendments – Regs 25 & 26 Operator Issues -1

- No LA agreement on scope, type of test, output and cost
- LAs will not share exercises, experience/learning
- Costs and resources are not defined/limited
- Problem areas are boundaries where responsibilities /communications change – communication issues are not addressed
- Individual tests require high resource demand on operational pipeline personnel
- The number of tests individual operators will be required to support is unreasonable and disruptive to operational duties
- Large pipeline operators will need to employ additional resources

# PSR Amendments – Regs 25 & 26 Operator Issues -2

- UKOPA has issued pipeline specific characteristics which need to be addressed – there is no evidence that these issues have been addressed in compliance requirements.
- UKOPA has provided resource estimates for testing of emergency plans. There is no evidence that these resource requirements have been taken into account in the RIA.

# EPWG – 2009 Work Programme

Immediate work priorities:-

- Support the PERO course programme
- Monitor course, address any problems and develop revisions as required
- Progress consultation with HSE re amendments to PSR Regs 25 & 26