UKOPA

United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association

EPWG Update
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Outline of Update

❑ PERO Course

❑ Current Activities

❑ Proposed Initiatives

❑ UKOPA Website

PERO Course (1)

- ❑ Current programme of planned courses will be completed in March 2012

  - ❑ (4 courses completed 2011/12)

- ❑ Proposal for a further 3 courses with the option for a 4th before end of March 2013

  - ❑ 15th/16th May
  - ❑ 3rd/4th July
  - ❑ 28th/29th Nov
  - ❑ 5th/6th March 2013

- ❑ The current UKOPA presenters (Tony Taylor and Donal Cullen) have confirmed their ongoing availability for and commitment to the course for the foreseeable future

  £1,020 (from £975)

- ❑ Cost of Course (post March 2012)

PERO Course (2)

❑ Future changes at the FSC may impact upon the arrangements for and costs of the PERO course.

  ❑ Contract between FSC & UKOPA

❑ FSC Bi Monthly Newsletter in support of UKOPA PERO

  ❑ Opportunity to promote the course to wider ordinance.
  ❑ Should the PERO course be open to Non UKOPA members and how would this be administered?
  ❑ Can UKOPA members contact (E-mails) be sent to FSC for Newsletter distribution

❑ EPWG requests ongoing organisational support from the UKOPA Secretary

  ❑ PERO Administration
  ❑ EPWG – thanks to outgoing secretary

❑ EPWG is updating aspects of the course material (incident information, exercises, live demonstrations).

PERO Course Feedback

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Current Activities

The EPWG is currently addressing the following:-

❑ Development of hazard distances for gas and liquid pipelines

❑ The strategy for representing pipeline operators in the UK Government review of Critical National Infrastructure

❑ Interface with the NESG

❑ Representation of UKOPA at CAPEPLG

Interface with National Environmental Strategy Group (NESG) (1)

- ❑ Confirmed that UKOPA members do not follow a common standard for emergency equipment / arrangements, each member makes their own arrangements

- ❑ Arrangements vary according to type of pipeline - agreements with emergency responders, 'ad-hoc' arrangements, owned equipment, shared equipment, with local government bodies / utility companies

- ❑ Members are not readily able to share their equipment.

- ❑ EPWG is considering developing a list of *approved* contractors for the UKOPA website

- ❑ Details of FRS operated environmental equipment units and the geographical locations of these have been requested for publication on the UKOPA website.

Interface with National Environmental Strategy Group (NESG) (2)

❑ The EA provide environmental emergency response training for its employees, and will consider the feasibility of a joint venture with UKOPA

❑ UKOPA has expressed an interest in the EA automated 'Flood Warning' facility (addition of any key asset into the database which would automatically send warnings for potential flooding)

❑ Oil Pipeline Maps - conflict that exists between pipeline operator requirements to publish the locations versus Department of Security's concerns over terrorist information / activity. Guidance from the cabinet office is under consideration.

❑ EA Data-share: software development providing datasets on a range of environmental points of interest from flood maps to areas of special scientific interest – a presentation to UKOPA has been requested.

Proposed Initiatives

The EPWG is considering the following initiatives and invites comments from UKOPA:-

- ❑ Holding a UKOPA workshop on emergency plans and procedures?
- ❑ Preparation of UKOPA Guidance on emergency scenarios and emergency response requirements?
- ❑ Collating UKOPA member information on contracts with emergency response service providers and memoranda of understanding relating to emergency response with other operators/utilities.
- ❑ Consider next phase of PERO course

UKOPA Website

The EPWG fully supports the new UKOPA website, and:-

❑ Intends to issue a letter to all LAEPs informing them of the EPWG documents available on the website.

❑ Proposes that information from and links to emergency service providers (e.g. Pipeline Maintenance Centre, Adler and Allen, Greystar etc) be included on the website.

Questions / comments?