



Pipeline Illegal Tappings Update

February 2016

Latest Position

- Still happening in UK
- Over 70 in UK in past 2 years
- Police Trigger Plan reissued by NCA
 - Do all oil pipeline operators have a copy?
- EA drafted “First Responders Guide”
- There have been 60 arrests and 8 prosecutions.
- Criminal trial of one group of ringleaders set for May (pleaded not guilty)
- Question 1 - Is risk increasing?
- Question 2 - Are consequences increasing?

Industry Involvement

- ❑ Next Pipeline Security Forum meeting – March 2016
- ❑ UKOPA Good practice guide issued
 - ❑ Confidential to operators (not thieves)
 - ❑ Short update period
 - ❑ Training/presentation at UKOPA technical Seminar – May 2016
- ❑ Overview presentation provided by UKOPA for non oil pipeline operators (Risk management)
- ❑ CONCAWE OPMG – European Pipeline Tapping Seminar 2nd March 2106 in Brussels.
 - ❑ Good UK attendance
 - ❑ Presentations by UK Operators

New technology



New Technology (2)

- ❑ The clamp is called a 'Clamp saddle with reinforced ring'
- ❑ Manufactured by Effast who were taken over by Polypipe in 1983
- ❑ Is PN16 (6-10bar) rated
- ❑ Used for drainage and sewerage repairs
- ❑ Had a nickle plated brass ball valve attachment with a PN30 rating