

# PEIMF Technical Report

## Committee meeting 28th August 2014

The PEIMF is represented on the committees determining policy in the forecourt sector, mainly by our Technical Officer – Phil Monger. Here is an edited version of Phil's most recent report to the PEIMF Management committee.

### HSE Reviews and Consultations

HSE published its consultation CD 271 following the review of the code of Practice 'Unloading Petrol from Road Tankers'. This review had taken into consideration the views of the Trade Union representing tanker drivers, retailers' representatives, suppliers & hauliers. Changes have now been made to the original edition, with a strong recommendation from the Task Group, that stakeholders follow the code - particularly when there are several duty holders working together.

The Code references two EI documents, 'Guidelines for an Incident Action Plan for Receipt, Storage and Dispensing Incidents at Retail Filling Stations', and 'Design and Operating Limits for Retail Fuel Storage

Tanks'. L133 is expected to be republished in time for the introduction of the new legislation on 1st October 2014

The proposed Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 have completed their journey through the parliamentary process and will now come into force on the 1st October 2014. Initially, site operators will be unaware of significant changes as their current licence will remain in force until its expiry. Then it will be seamlessly replaced with a non-renewable Storage Certificate, which will only expire if material changes are made to items on the certificate or if the site ceases to store petrol for more than twelve months.

### Energy Institute Service Station Panel

The panel continues to oversee several new documents being drafted, two of which are nearing publication. The 'Design and Operating Limits for Retail Fuel Storage Tanks', is now almost complete in order to meet the criteria for being referenced in L133. This has had to take into consideration the many small storage tanks still in use,

which could not be included in the scope of the document. To do so would reduce their already minimal capacities for storing fuel.

The 'Guidelines for an Incident Action Plan for Receipt, Storage and Dispensing Incidents at Retail Filling Stations', are mostly covering operational matters for petrol retailers and which will assist them in compliance with the requirements of DSEAR.

The 'Guidance for the Storage & Handling of Biofuels at Filling Stations' is now in its first draft for the panel to review and comment. This work takes the guidance beyond the first edition to cover a higher bio percentage. It will ultimately be available for wider consultation.

### Oil Care Committee (OCC)

Twenty years since its formation, the Oil Care Campaign is reviewing the outcome of its work and is proposing to hold a anniversary conference in 2015 at the Motorcycle Museum. Companies are invited to take stand space (see page 38)

### Petroleum Enforcement Liaison Group

PELG was engaged in some of the work required to underpin the changes to legislation, including forming a sub group to prepare seminars around the UK to raise awareness of the changes to Petroleum Enforcement Authorities and some group operators.

A circular has been prepared for publication on the Safety Implications of the use of Electronic Cigarettes on Forecourts which will be published on the PELG page of the EI website. The guide strongly recommends the prohibition of E-cigs on the basis that

- they have not been certified as intrinsically safe and
- are most likely to cause confusion for motorists and site operators, not necessarily being able to differentiate between them and real cigarettes when monitoring at a distance from the dispenser.



## Oil Care Campaign celebrates 20 years



The Oil Care Campaign will be celebrating its 20th anniversary next year with a conference and exhibition at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham on 4th June 2015.

The PEIMF supports the aims and work of the Oil Care Campaign to support the oil industry and members have the opportunity to support the Oil Care Campaign at this event for just £250.

This will give you a table in the exhibition room and entry for up to two people to the conference.

Since it was launched in 1995 the Oil Care Campaign has helped reduce oil pollution incidents across England and



Wales from nearly 7,000 a year to under 2,600 in 2013.

In the 12 months to April 2014 over 37,500 people used the Oil Bank website to find their nearest oil recycling bank.

For more information or a copy of the exhibition booking form email Liz Hobday at [liz.hobday@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:liz.hobday@environment-agency.gov.uk)

