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MEASUREMENT TECHNICIAN TRAINING INITIATIVE UPDATE NO. 5 APRIL 24, 2008

Supporters of the Measurement Technician Training Initiative:

Here are the latest activities in our effort to develop an industry-owned measurement technician training program.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Promotional Activities

Since the last update (January 8), the concept was presented at the following events:

- NGS Tech (An engineering conference focused on gas sampling and gas properties)
- AGA Transmission Measurement Committee Meeting
- ConocoPhillips Measurement Retreat
- Pipeline Opportunities Conference, hosted by the Pipeline & Gas Journal
- SGA Management Conference

JIP Activities

Phase I of the project is nearing completion. Phase I objectives were to review and evaluate existing material provided by JIP member companies, issue an RFP to potential instructional designers, and provide a cost estimate for development of the program.

- El Paso has offered over 500 hours of professionally developed classroom training material.
- Anadarko has offered nearly 1000 pages of self-study material that will help with the CBT development.
- Northern Natural is working on securing additional classroom training material for the program.
- **Additional material is needed. Contributed material will reduce the development cost.**

The following companies are members of the JIP. Please welcome the newest members, **Spectra Energy** and **TransCanada Pipelines**, to the program.

- Anadarko Petroleum
- Boardwalk Pipelines
- Chesapeake Energy
- El Paso Corporation
- Enterprise Products
- Kinder Morgan
- National Fuel Gas
- Northern Natural Gas

- OneOK
- Southern Union
- Southern Star Central
- Spectra Energy
- TransCanada Pipelines
- Williams

If you would like to join the JIP, **now is the time**. Please contact Mike Grubb at mgrubb@southerngas.org and let him know that your company will participate. Remember, this is an industry effort. **You do not need to be an SGA member to take part in this effort**. If you need further information before you commit, contact Mike or me (kelner@ema.eng.pro). We'll be happy to answer your questions.

Southern Gas Association

I presented the concept during the Transmission Operations Executives Roundtable at the SGA Management Conference this week. The concept was well received and the consensus was to support the program.

The presentation is available at:

<http://www.southerngas.org/EVENTS/TransmissionOpsExecs.html>

A page dedicated to this initiative has been set up on the SGA website at the following link:

<http://www.southerngas.org/TRANSMISSION-OPERATIONS/MeasurementTrainingJIP.htm>

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Face-to-face JIP meeting to discuss cost for overall program (May 2008).
- Follow-up teleconference to get commitments from JIP members (May 2008).
- Phase II: Full-scale program development (June 2008).
- Phase III: Program launch (June 2009).

FINAL THOUGHTS

As I reviewed the various internal training programs, it occurred to me that at different times, all of the programs were robust and vibrant, with substantial financial resources dedicated to their development and operation. However, as companies were acquired, priorities changed, and many training programs were cancelled. High quality, professional training material became obsolete.

This goes to the question of **sustainability**. A joint industry program will not only reduce costs for each company, it will also reduce the risk of obsolescence by smoothing out the effects of business cycles, providing a more sustainable program.

Thank you for your support. I'll be in touch.

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