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Hi everyone and another three months has passed and it seems to me as one issue finishes another immediately starts and without realising it, lots of things are constantly occurring throughout the industry.

Now before prompting thought or even controversy I have got to say what a smart looking issue we have this time and that is down to Jane's skills who is our Business Manager and recognise that the Bulletin looks more user friendly.

Another topic is the recent campaign on inspections of unattended sites here in the UK and the worrying findings that have since been found. A fuller article from me is elsewhere in this edition but we need to think of the wider, European picture as the "Unattended" method of operating is the norm. Maybe our inner concerns are the behaviour of customers and the public at large having access to what is pretty dangerous equipment. I do believe that those Operators here in the UK together with my Regulator colleagues will move to close any shortfall in this way of dispensing.

Our training service continues to attract interest from beyond the UK and the most recent trip was to return to Bahrain in June. It was very hot but the four of us survived I am pleased to say.

On the subject of trips outside the

UK I was delighted to be one of many APEA delegates to visit Germany in May to visit both the Elaflex and Hiby Factories to see raw materials received, moulded and fashioned to make precision made nozzles. A truly fascinating visit spearheaded by Anton Martiniussen, a great stalwart of the Association.

The momentum continues to build for APEA 2009 and OpenRoom Events, our organisers, are hard at it bringing us all together for what is now the highlight of the downstream industry, annually reuniting friends and colleagues. I love the event and it makes me proud to be involved with such a spectacle.

The topics and theme of "What's Coming Next" is no accident. The slogan really does illustrate what we are about to experience in terms of challenges, frustrations and reward. Please come to the Ricoh Arena and specifically to my regulatory colleagues; you will not be disappointed and bear in mind it is a Continued Professional Development (CPD) event.

The interviewee this time is John Boudry, Chief Executive of PetroTechnik. John has been an immense supporter of the Association for many years and whilst he is not the easiest of people to track down, at least I was lucky in July to do so.

I was surprised to receive a visitor



to our shores from Australia recently, Reed Leighton of Leighton & O'Brien whom I gave a whistle stop tour of Milton Keynes and an explanation of Regulatory Enforcement here in England. Mind you much of the discussion centred on who will win "The Ashes" as at the time of writing the Australian Cricket Team is touring England. That always proved a competitive contest – bit like our market I guess. I have to say that he did enquire about my potatoes and fuchsias – a comment I made last time in my party piece so at least one person reads this column.

Enjoy the issue and pleased to hear from anyone.  
Until the next time

Regards

Brian

Brian

Just a note to say many thanks for the support and planning for the training courses held at Sheffield in June. All went well and all students, experienced and inexperienced learnt from the three modules and to Jane thank you for the time you spent organising the instructors and certificates for the course at Sheffield last week.

Thank you

Terry Guthrie

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

Sir

I read with interest the article concerning the Ystrad Mynach Tesco filling station (The Bulletin June

2009) where short measure petrol was delivered to customers over a period of 9 months. One has to wonder why wetstock reconciliation at the site did not appear to highlight what were, I understand, fairly considerable deficiencies in measure. My training in petroleum enforcement (thanks Brian) taught me that wetstock gains could possibly indicate water somehow seeping into the tank and that further investigation is necessary. Should we have the confidence that the site would pick up wetstock losses?

The matter was actually discovered by a routine weight and measure inspection which goes to show the

continuing need for independent testing of petrol dispensers, something which protects both consumer and trader. As a soon to be retired Weights and Measures Inspector with over 35 years experience I consider it disappointing that more and more local authorities regard such inspections as low priority. When one considers that petrol is a high priced, high throughput product both trader and consumer need confidence in the dispensers.

Andrew Tilley

Principal Trading Standards Officer  
Wiltshire County Council

## the conference...

With an ever-increasing demand for environmental solutions, this year's conference kicks off with a presentation from **Andrew Haslett of Energy Technologies Institute**. Andrew will be discussing the challenges faced for UK light vehicle electrification, addressing the issue of "how to make battery vehicles and hybrids attractive to UK consumers"



Andrew Haslett  
Energy Technologies

**UKPIA's Hugh Tucker** will look at the supply of road fuels and the use of Biofuels over the next 10 years and the challenges this will bring to the downstream oil industry. Whilst Hugh looks into the future, our next speaker **Rex May of BP UK**, will be assess the lessons learnt so far from Biofuels and whether being Green can ever be easy

**Mark Morton at The Environment Agency** will draw our focus to protecting current sources from pollution, the risks to groundwater from hydrocarbon storage and how the Environment Agency is working with the industry. Mark predicts that this may be a contentious issue with competing regulation and differing needs from a variety of sectors.



Roger Wyatt  
Terence Barker

**Marshall Mott-Smith of Mott-smith Consulting Group** will give us an insight into the US experience of shop-fabricated tanks for emergency power generation while **Roger Wyatt on behalf of Terence Barker** will talk about the use of aboveground tank systems suitable for forecourts here in the UK.

## new exhibitors for 2009...

The growth and popularity of the APEA exhibition is demonstrated this year by a raft of new exhibitors, proving that even in these economic times, this event is an important date on the industry calendar.

**KPS** is one of the leading manufacturers of flexible petrol pipes. Based in Sweden, the company has offices and distributors across the globe and founded its UK operation in 1990. They will be exhibiting their full range of conductive single wall and double wall petrol piping, leak detection systems, and the world's first LPG plastic pipe system. Stand B3



LEIGHTON O'BRIEN

First-time exhibitors from Australia, **Leighton O'Brien** provide total tank management solutions for the global petroleum industry. They offer a unique consolidated service that allows clients to outsource the management of their storage tank network. Find out about their range of 4 interlocking services on stand B7.

**ARID Technologies**, based in the US, is recognised for its PREMATOR unit which reduces gasoline evaporative losses from storage tanks. It's a "back-end" vapour containment system with an overall vapour recovery efficiency of 99.3% as confirmed by third-party testing. View the system on stand C4.

