

**Workshop on “Capacity Building” of Accredited Third Party  
Inspection Agencies on Emergency Response and Disaster  
Management Plan held on 30th March 2015 at PNGRB, New Delhi**

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board conducted one day workshop on “Capacity Building” of Accredited Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) on Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan) Regulations, 2010 at PNGRB on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. The workshop was attended by all the five accredited TPIAs.

While inaugurating the workshop, Shri K K Jha, Member (KKJ), PNGRB highlighted that the workshop is part of series of workshops organized by PNGRB to enhance the capabilities of TPIAs for certifications/ assessments under various PNGRB Regulations. The present workshop is for accredited TPIAs engaged in certification of the emergency and disaster management plan of City Gas Distribution networks, Natural Gas and Petroleum Product pipelines and various other installations in accordance with ERDMP Regulations. He shared that PNGRB also organizes Chemical Industry Disaster Management workshops in association with FICCI, etc. He mentioned that TPIAs are “Eyes and Ears” of the Board as Board does not undertake such certifications directly. Hence, there is a need for conducting certifications for ERDMP with utmost care to ensure highest standards of safety at these installations. This would not only help in reduction of the incidents but also minimize the losses in terms of lives / assets, damage to environment besides quicker restoration of facilities. He shared his concerns over the findings of recent incidents of fires in Natural Gas Pipelines and stressed upon visit of each infrastructure facility by TPIAs, proper scrutiny of documents in line with Regulations before issue of certification. He cautioned the TPIAs against a casual approach for certification. He highlighted the need of setting up benchmarks and uniformity in the approach for certifications. He shared that PNGRB may undertake surprise field visits to check the quality of assessments and any slackness or deficiency in quality of assessment would be viewed seriously by Board.

The technical sessions was primarily focused on methodology of assessment, findings, concerns and suggestions for improvements for various installations including Refineries, NGPL and PPPL, LPG bottling plant, CGD and POL terminals. The TPIAs made presentations on various provisions of PNGRB ERDMP Regulations, its compliance requirement and process of verification. The technical sessions were highly interactive and participative. The TPIAs put forward many suggestions to further improve quality of assessment. The TPIAs expressed

gratitude to PNGRB for organizing this very educative, interactive and learning program as well as guidance for certifications and assessments.

The valedictory session was chaired by Shri S Krishnan, Chairperson and was attended by Shri K K Jha, and Shri Upamanyu Chatterjee, Secretary. In his valedictory address, Shri S Krishnan, Chairperson PNGRB stressed upon the competency building of the



TPIAs through training, hand holding of new personnel to carry out the assessment to check conformity with ERDMP Regulations with utmost precision. He advised the TPIAs to focus on prevention measures, benchmarking, near miss incidents, its reporting to minimize the incidents itself. The effective mock-drills is key to minimize the losses in terms of human lives, assets etc. in case of any unfortunate happening. He called upon the TPIAs to improve quality of reporting, enhance their capabilities as large number of installations is yet to be certified as per Regulations.