

Workshop on
“Capacity Building of Accredited Third Party Inspection Agencies”
held on 26th April 2016 at PNGRB, New Delhi

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board conducted one day workshop on Capacity Building of Accredited Third Party Inspection Agencies at its office on 26th April, 2016 as a part of series of measures to strengthen the compliance mechanism for PNGRB Regulations. The workshop was attended by the representative of the accredited Third Party Inspection Agencies as well as National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB).

Shri K K Jha, Member (KKJ), PNGRB inaugurated the workshop. He informed that capacity building workshop is part of series of initiatives taken by PNGRB to enhance the quality of assessments/ certifications under PNGRB Regulations. While appreciating the efforts put in by TPIAs subsequent to earlier workshops which have resulted in improved quality of assessments / certifications, he stressed upon the need for conducting conformity assessment with utmost care to ensure the maintenance of highest standards of safety at these installations. He appreciated the efforts of NABCB India towards the assessment of TPIAs.

He informed that PNGRB has already issued technical standards for Natural Gas, Petroleum and Petroleum Products Pipelines, CGD Networks, Integrity Management Systems, ERDMP and Regulations for Refineries, LNG Terminals, LPG Installations, POL depot/ Terminals, Retail Outlet etc are under development. He sensitized the TPIAs on



maintaining quality and impartiality in the assessments and cautioned them about serious implications on any slackness in quality of assessment. He advised them for more field inspections, verifications etc. in addition to documents / records verifications. He called upon the TPIAs to use this workshop as an opportunity for capacity building to

strengthen the assessment process in order to improve the quality of assessment and certifications.

The technical sessions included presentations from TPIAs covering their technical capabilities, works undertaken, major observations/ findings, key recommendations and suggestions for further improving the quality of assessments/ certifications. The technical sessions were highly interactive and participative.

The concluding session was chaired by Shri Arvind Kumar Additional Advisor, PNGRB . The feedback about the workshop was also taken and queries from the participants were also replied during the session. The need for bringing in uniformity in process of assessment, report preparation and submission was also deliberated. Task force were formed for preparation of the detailed time bound action plan on the shortlisted suggestions to enhance the quality of assessments / certifications.



The TPIAs expressed gratitude to PNGRB for organizing this very educative, interactive and learning program and guidance for conducting the assessments and certifications.