

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR AUSTRALIA'S PIPELINE INDUSTRY

POLICY

The Australian Pipeline Industry Association (APIA) believes that all Member Companies must actively pursue strategies that ensure excellent health and safety outcomes in all aspects of their business activities.

In particular, APIA believes the core elements of such a strategy for Member Companies should include:

- Adoption of strategies for continuous improvement in health and safety outcomes based on the philosophy that all accidents and incidents are preventable
- Leadership, accountability and relentless commitment of all involved in the Industry to to promote a culture of excellence in health and safety performance.
- To provide a consultative process involving all Industry participants in defining their own responsibilities and accountabilities for health and safety
- Active promotion of a culture that places safety ahead of any other objective and ensures a safe and healthy working environment
- Effective competency based training
- Availability of any necessary resources including personnel, systems or safety equipment
- Effective knowledge of, and compliance with, all obligations resulting from applicable laws, regulations, industry best practices and standards
- Development of industry guidelines on key aspects of health and safety
- Effective and aligned reporting of health and safety outcomes through industry wide statistics, safety alerts and by other means
- Facilitation of effective rehabilitation programs where necessary

IMPLEMENTATION

In order to promote this APIA health and safety policy among its members, APIA will:

- Ensure the creation of an effective and proactive Health and Safety Standing Committee, reporting to the APIA Board
- Develop and disseminate industry guidelines, including in relation to construction safety
- Provide a range of forums to discuss and address health and safety issues
- Implement an industry wide safety alert system, to be available to members and non-members on the APIA website
- Lead the industry in achieving with government sound health and safety legislation, including regular meetings with Australian regulatory authorities
- Keep its members fully abreast of safety initiatives developed by others and considered applicable to the activities of its members