

## Message from the Regional Manager

A big thank you to all our suppliers and subcontractors for your efforts in making health, safety, security and the environment a top priority. 2008 marked our **best safety record in three years** for BP's RM Group globally, and we extend our sincerest appreciation to all of you who helped make this happen in 2008. One comment that surfaced as part our safety stand-down was the importance of looking out for each other. As 2009 progresses, I would ask you to consider how your field and management teams can continue to grow your safety culture – the kind where we **look out** for each other and **care** enough to act. On a final note, be sure to schedule time to take a look at the new ground disturbance practices. You are responsible for knowing and implementing these. Additionally, be on the look out for the new Task Safety and Environmental Analysis (TSEA) documentation. BP's **TSEA** is similar in many respects to your current JSAs, but for some of you, may involve an extra component you had not previously considered as part of the official analysis. Until next month!

– Chris Winsor, Regional Manager

## FROM THE FIELD . . .

**One thing we are all confronted with on a daily basis**, both in our personal and professional lives, **is change**. On a personal level we all have individualized methods of dealing with and adapting to change in our lives, but for RM the challenge in handling change involves ensuring a consistent process exists to systematically review and document change such that any associated risks to equipment, the health and safety of personnel, or the environment can be effectively managed. With this in mind **RM has developed and now requires the use of the new eMOC process** whenever change is introduced that may effect safe and reliable operations. For the purposes of the new eMOC process change has been broadly categorized into four buckets.

**Administrative** – changes to policies, procedures, business processes which have HSSE impact. **Organizational/Personnel** – changes in staffing, authority level, employment terms and conditions. **Technical** – changes to existing equipment, design practices, operating conditions. **Replacement in Kind (RIK)** – replacement with something essentially the same (not subject to eMOC). It is also important to remember that if a project team plans for and documents potential change in advance, then change management and thus the use of eMOC can be avoided! – Alan Delisle, Deputy Regional Manager

Portland Terminal - excavation & shoring



## Contractor's

As we all learned during the recent Contractor's Expectations meetings, **RM's Ground Disturbance, Excavations, Trenching and Shoring Defined Practice is officially in effect**. There are a lot of **new requirements**, including written permits, training and certification, Task Safety and Environmental Analysis (TSEA), borehole clearance to 6.5 feet, search zones, and many others. Although the Practice is now the law of the land, there is a 6 month draft implementation period that ends in July 2009. During the implementation period, **contractors should be working on the following items**, which will not be enforced until the end of the draft implementation period:

**Issuing Authority (IA)** that fully meets the definition in the GD Practice; **TSEAs** (more information and training will be forthcoming); and the **training requirements in Section 6.0**. If a requirement in the Practice doesn't seem to fit your project, discuss the issue with your EBM. In some cases we may be able to find an alternate solution that still meets the intent of the Practice. Any alternate solution must be detailed in an e-MOC prior to initiating work.

Please **be sure to share any improvement ideas** for the Practice **with your EBM** so they can be considered for the next revision. Safe Excavating!

– Ron Halsey, Deputy Regional Manager

## @Traction

In reviewing Traction data for the first quarter of 2009, two surprising things stood out – the number of **hand injuries** incurred by RM globally, and the impact of the current economic situation on daily behavior and **awareness**. On the first point, lack of **proper gloves as PPE** noticeably contributed to hand injuries. While RM West did not record any hand injuries due to lack of PPE, let's use this reminder to continue to be thoughtful about proper hand protection. With regards to the second point, the impact of the current economy on personal behavior, consider how you can encourage your field teams to put mental distractions aside and begin each task **"mentally fit-for-work,"** and extra alert for other team members and the general public, who may not be as focused on their surroundings as they should be. In April RM West encountered a third party customer who was distraught over the loss of her job, which then contributed to a lack of attention to her surroundings and a near miss at one of our sites. **Let's keep an eye out for each other!**

**Consider This . . .** Power strips, squids and surge protectors make electricity convenient, but it is important to be mindful of their limitations. Each duplex outlet should only have one strip plugged in to it – not two, and strips should never be "daisy-chained"

together. This has the potential to create an electrical overload that might trip your circuit breaker or worse, start a fire. Only use strips with an internal circuit breaker, and consider having an electrician install additional outlets. *For more information, see the RM West SOC's Minute resource site.*

### Additional Resources

**HSSE Bi-weekly Communication** <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/hsseweeklycommunication/2009/>

**Shared Learning** <http://rmhsse.bpglobal.com/communication/sharedlearninglessonslearnedsafetycommunicationsuccessstories/>

**SOCs Minute Resource Site** <http://socs.dataaccel.com/> (user ID: socs, Password: safety)

To comment, inquire, or obtain information on any item in this publication, or to submit an item for publication, please contact May Marcinek at [mmarcinek@envirosolve.com](mailto:mmarcinek@envirosolve.com), or 818.889.0090.