

The PEIMF – influencing Health & Safety on the forecourt

People may ask “Why join the PEIMF – what can it do for me?”

Well here’s just one example of how you benefit.

Members of the PEIMF team are helping to steer the legislation and practices, which affect the day to day working practices of your staff on the forecourt.

The PEIMF is very lucky to have Terry Moody as a leading member. Terry is the Global HSE Director of Gilbarco Veeder-Root, a very influential figure on the subject of forecourt health and safety, and a pioneer and leader of the SPA Petrol Safety Passport scheme.

To help you understand a little more, we fired some questions at him:

Terry, The SPA Petrol Safety Passport was launched in the early 2000’s. Was this the first of its kind?

There were a couple of very basic schemes and one by an oil company and one by a now defunct contractor association - but nobody really seemed to understand what a good scheme would look like, and what the problems were. UKpia were intending to launch an industry-wide training course, which was met with caution and reluctance, nonetheless it was apparent that a standard was needed.

Who actually owns the SPA Safety Passport?

The Safety Pass Alliance (SPA) own the scheme.



And who are they?

Safety Pass Alliance (SPA) are an organisation committed to providing a nationally recognised standard of health & safety training and assurance – across many industries. However, because of the specific nature of our industry, it was clear from the outset that we needed more than just a basic safety training course, and that specific industry expertise and input was needed.

So how did you meet that particular requirement?

The Petrol Retail National Steering Group (PRNSG) was created, to ensure the relevance of training content to both clients and contractors.

Was the scheme well received?

Early concerns and resistance were soon overcome as contractors began to understand the benefits that the scheme would bring to the industry – and their business. It ticked a major box on the contractor’s statutory duty to provide safety training.

And is it designed for all contractors?

Yes, both those working indoors and out on the forecourt.

Was the PEIMF involved from the outset?

Yes, although my personal involvement at that time was in representing the Motor Fuels Equipment (MFE) Contractors. Over time I have represented all 3 bodies – MFE, PRNSG & PEIMF.



How has the PRNSG developed?

We now meet 3 or 4 times a year - to update courses and devise refreshers, which incorporate new legislation and best practices. We also cover in great detail; training delivery, process changes and quality management of the training.

Is it fair to say that although SPA own the scheme, PRNSG are really the guardians?

Correct. The scheme is still very strong and keeping it fresh is a constant challenge.

How many Petrol Safety Passport holders are there currently in the UK?

Approximately 16,000 – a staggering quantity.

Is there a comparison overseas?

My role with Gilbarco Veeder-Root takes me all around the world. I see similar schemes, such as in Australia, Sweden & Denmark, but none matches the content or commitment of the UKpia/SPA initiative. In fact in South Africa SAPIA the South African equivalent of UKpia, have followed our lead and recently rolled out a similar scheme.



So how would you describe the success of the SPA Safety Passport?

The scheme has been, and continues to be, a resounding success. It has become synonymous with effective safety training in our industry. Every major oil company and supermarket chain has bought into the scheme and it is expected now that all contractors on service stations will be trained and hold a current Safety Passport.

And going forward?

The biggest challenge going forward is maintaining this unity across all clients and contractors.

Thanks Terry

In conclusion

It's important for the industry that the PEIMF, as a major stakeholder, holds influence in such an important area as the health & safety of site contractors – regardless of whether they work on canopies, pumps or fridges. By including such senior individuals as Terry Moody on the management team, the PEIMF cements its role in helping to govern the forecourt industry.

This is your industry: Terry works with us – and we work for you!

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