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Whoops - what's been happening

We are aware that it is quite some time since we issued the last newsletter, so Happy Christmas, Happy New Year and we wish you all the best for 2006.

In this issue we give you an update on the finalization of Part 2 and also talk about what the future holds for Part 3.

State of the industry

You will have noticed that the value of oil has increased somewhat in the last few months, and that we have all become extremely busy as a result. This has had an effect on both our ability to respond to queries and on the industry's ability to adequately review and comment on the draft Part 2 document and similar "overhead" activities.

Comments on draft Part 2

Since the last issue we have been critically reviewing the comments we did receive on the draft part 2, and as a result we have recently uploaded the "final part 2 draft" onto the web site at:

http://www.fireandblast.com/ign-update/Part_2_Guidance_06-02-05.pdf

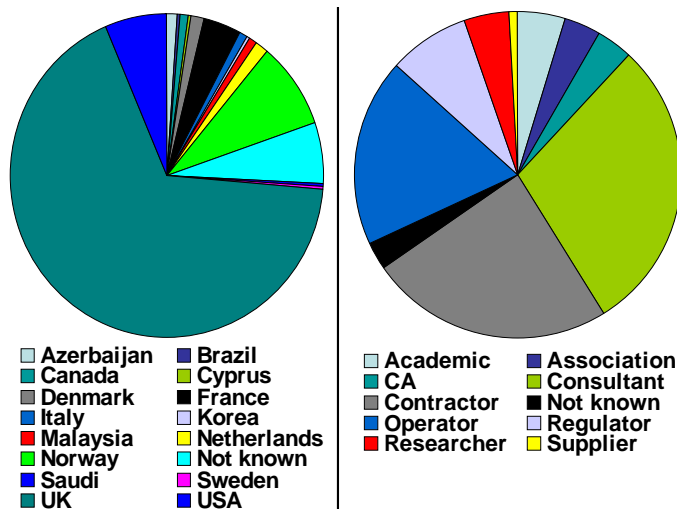
We were pleased to receive lots of comments on Part 2, but are concerned that those submitting comments were not representative of the industry as a whole. Most comments came from very few organizations, particularly from HSE oriented consultants and HSE inspectors, and a disappointingly low number of comments from the operators and the major design houses. Our concern is that the balance of guidance shifts – we have to react to the comments, and if these are one sided the balance of the final document will shift.

Plans for Part 3

We have started discussing what is needed for Part 3 with our sponsors, HSE and UKOOA. It is not clear that there is a consensus for the content, or even the need for Part 3. We would be interested to hear any views as to what industry thinks it needs for the final document of the series.

Newsletter distribution

We have been looking at how many individuals and organisations receive the newsletter and the spread of interest is encouraging. In total we distribute about 400 copies by direct email.



Downloadable documents

Until the project is completed our sponsors have agreed that finished parts and draft text will continue to be available from our website:

http://www.fireandblast.com/ign-update/Part_0_Guidance_03.10.pdf

http://www.fireandblast.com/ign-update/Part_1_Guidance_0310.pdf

The current draft of Part 2 is also available:

http://www.fireandblast.com/ign-update/Part_2_Guidance_06.01.pdf

Previous newsletters can be downloaded from:

<http://www.fireandblast.com/ign-update/news.htm>

Next issue

We expect to publish *newsletter 6* in April '06 and it will outline our plans for Part 3, Detailed design and assessment guidance.

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