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Grant Holdback Parameters for Unsafe Conditions (Safety Operation & Maintenance)

During the past number of years, we have partnered with the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. and AON Insurance in an Operation and Maintenance Safety evaluation program. The evaluations have identified a number of safety issues in some distributor operations. The less than expedient correction of these issues is of concern to this Division as it exposes the public and workers to unsafe situations. As discussed at the recent Federation Zone meetings, we are embarking on a grant holdback program to encourage quick resolution to significant safety issues.

The reformatted O&M audit program and recent update of the Operations and Maintenance Manual will allow the distributors to more precisely identify issues that are currently required in their operations as they relate to Acts, Codes and Standards (including Industry Standards).

The focus of our safety grant holdback program will be directed to the following areas of operation and maintenance practices (including proper documentation):

- An effective emergency response plan is in place;
- Flow charts A & B in the O&M manual are complete and up to date;
- A current telephone list as per Attachment “G” in the Operations and Maintenance Manual;
- Proper odorometer program;
- Leak detection programs are current;
- Personal protective equipment is available and personnel understand when it must be used;
- RMO inspections and entry procedures.
- Safe handling and storage of HEJ material;

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