

# A year on, PIPEd continues to grow

PIPEd has experienced a fantastic first year since fourteen people attended its first course, "Understanding hydrostatic testing and pipeline commissioning" in Brisbane, November 2006.



Attendees at a 2007 PIPEd training course.

As an OSD Pipeline Services initiative, PIPEd have an in-depth knowledge of all aspects of the pipeline industry and has continued to grow by launching PIPEd Canada, which was run in partnership with Golder

Associates in early November 2007 and had a turnout of 45 people.

OSD has been partnering with Golder's oil and gas market sector for over three years in order for both organisations to be able to supply a complete

range of pipeline consulting services to their clients, and it is this the two companies draw on when carrying out the PIPEd course.

The intent of the initial workshop "Understanding hydrostatic testing and pipeline commissioning" is to provide knowledge to persons involved in hydrostatic testing and pipeline commissioning – such as pipeline engineers, pipeline designers and construction managers – of how pipeline hydrostatic testing and commissioning affects each stage of pipeline design – from route selection through to the receipt of oil and gas.

All the Canadian workshops, along with OSD's Chris Hughes as facilitator, were so well received that Enbridge Pipelines requested that another workshop be conducted for its staff in Ontario.

In 2008, PIPEd will be designing exciting new courses and running these courses throughout Australia as well as expanding to Toronto, Houston and New Zealand. The four training programs available for this year include:

- Introduction To The Pipeline Industry;
- Understanding Pipeline Licensee and Owner Obligations;
- General Principles of Pipeline Design; and,
- Hydrostatic Testing and Pipeline Commissioning.

Attendees of the Canadian course stream had the following encouraging comments:

- "A good mix of introductory and advanced concepts"
- "Good introduction to Hydrostatic Testing"
- "Learned a lot about designing and pre-planning of pipeline construction and pre-engineering"
- "Good for basic understanding for inexperienced personnel"
- "The information, although technical, was balanced with practical considerations"
- "Good level of complexity; quite clear and understandable"

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