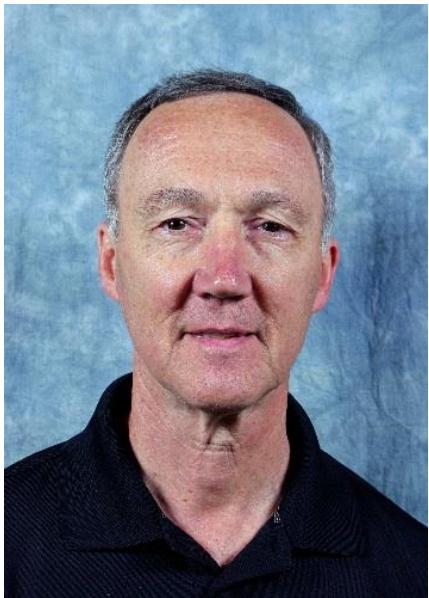




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Our Commitment is Your Success

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2016 had some challenges during the year and also large measures of success for the LPG Division.

2016 welcomed our newest LPG response team, Sutherland Excavating Ltd. from Miramichi, NB. We also welcomed Robert Loenhart, from Calgary, AB, Kelly Tricker from Chetwynd, BC and Rod Recoskie from North Bay, ON as our newest Remedial Measures Advisors (RMAs).

The Regional training format was changed to minimize the classroom portion, allowing responders more hands-on practice. There was an overwhelming demand for this, and I believe the new format serves all well. There is now a more rigorous assessment of the Remedial Measures Advisors (RMAs) and the response teams on the second day of the regional training and assessment. Things that are done well are to be acknowledged and areas lacking are to be improved, the assessor takes notes and puts an emphasis on the areas in need of improvement that need to be worked on before the following year's assessment.

I would like to thank all the Transport Canada representatives that made the effort to attend all 11 LPG Regional assessments this year. Transport Canada is aware of the seriousness of the assessment day and have expressed their confidence that ERAC LPG response teams are well prepared for whatever form an incident may take. Transport Canada has mentioned that they do not feel as much pressure to attend incidents when they know that the response is from ERAC. This is something to take pride in!

ERAC is currently in the process of developing a computer program for a tablet, which will speed up the required Regional verifications, allowing the information to be transferred to the assessment reports automatically. This will allow more time for the portions you would like to concentrate on. Please remember, I have a mandatory list of items and information to share with you, but it is your Regional training and I will gladly include time on what is important for you.

I would have to say one of the biggest challenge for this year has been for our responders to maintain their training compliance at 100%. There have been more demands for increased competencies of responders from industry and government this year. Please make every effort to be at 100% compliant. The information you get from these courses may prove very valuable in keeping you safe, and to maintain our 30 year accident free record. Now that is a success to be proud of!

Thank you again for your continued support and all the best in the New Year.