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FPS DRIVER CPC TRAINING GIVEN GLOWING JAUPT AUDIT REPORT

The Federation of Petroleum Suppliers (FPS) has just been given a glowing audit report from the Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training (JAUPT), for their Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training.

Specifically catering for oil distribution tanker drivers, the FPS CPC training has, since its launch in 2009, had over 1000 tanker drivers undertaking the training. In the recent JAUPT audit report, the audit team commented on the fact that the FPS has a team of well qualified trainers and said "...the trainer was very engaging with an excellent depth of knowledge about the industry and the unique operating procedures. He developed an excellent rapport with the drivers thereby ensuring that they all were engaged in the process. He made good use of recent examples of spillages alongside good visual aids and recent statistics from the industry."

Federation of Petroleum Suppliers' Chief Executive, Susan Hancock, commented: "It is excellent news that, following the rigorous audit by JAUPT, our CPC driver training was given the green light with some very positive comments. The auditor said that we offered a well run and controlled Approved Training Centre providing good relevant training. As far as we are aware, we are the only organisation to offer customised CPC training for oil distributors and we hope that in 2011 we reach the 2000 mark for drivers trained. We run courses throughout the year to suit distributors and the training is available to both FPS members and non members."



The FPC CPC training is in the form of 6 courses. Courses 1-5 are classroom based one day courses and most oil distributors will ensure that their drivers do one of these each year to take advantage of the "grandfather rights" up to 2014. Course 6 is a one day one-on-one training for the drivers of those distributors who are required to do this by their contractual arrangements.

As well as being a legal requirement, the main benefit of CPC training is road safety and better qualified drivers to help reduce road casualties. Driver CPC also brings an improved professional and positive image to the profession, attracting more people to drive oil tankers for a living. It is aimed not only at improving the knowledge and skills of LGV drivers when they start work, but also at ensuring these skills are maintained and developed throughout their working life.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Federation of Petroleum Suppliers (FPS) represents the majority of oil distribution companies in Great Britain, who are, in the main, small family businesses responsible for deliveries of almost all the home heating oil used in Great Britain, in addition to marine, agricultural, commercial, industrial and forecourt deliveries. There are currently over 180 members of the FPS across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.