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New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[SaskEnergy](#)

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PODS 5.0 Release Update

The release for comment of PODS 5.0 was slightly delayed because of Hurricane Ike. The release for comment is now expected by the end of November, 2008. The release for comment will last for approximately 6-8 weeks.

The PODS 5.0 Release will have the following components:

- Oracle & SQL scripts (ddl)
- Documentation

Upcoming Events

February 23-25, 2009: [PUG Conference](#)

September 13-17, 2009: [GIS for Oil & Gas Conference](#)

- PODS 5.0 Release Notes
- E-R Diagram
- Implementation Guide

Technical Committee Transitions

Gary Hoover, Enterprise Products Operating LLC, has been the Technical Committee Chairman for the past two years. He is retiring from the chairman seat but we are pleased to announce that he will continue participating on the committee.

In Gary's tenure as the chair, he has completed many tasks including:

- Overseeing the completion of PODS 5.0 for release for member comment;
- Restructuring the Technical Committee into three teams: Administrative and Documentation, Development, and Data Modeling.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Gary for his dedication to the PODS Association and to the Technical Committee. His service is greatly appreciated.

FAQ - New Releases from PODS

This was in last month's newsletter. With the upcoming release, it will be repeated for the next several months.

How does the PODS Association release new versions of the PODS model? What is the process around the release?

The PODS Association has developed a schedule by which new versions of the PODS model are released. Here are the steps:

1. The Board of Directors evaluates the needs of the pipeline industry, the current state of the PODS model, and the resources of the Technical Committee. The Board then decides along with the Technical Committee what is to be included in the next major release as well as the minor releases.
2. Once the general outline for the major and minor releases have been determined, the Technical Committee begins work. Completing releases takes a significant amount of time and effort.
3. Once the Technical Committee has completed a major or minor release, the release goes to the Board for review and comment. The Board reviews it and then returns any comments to the Technical Committee for review.
4. Once the Board review process is complete, the release goes to members for review and comment. Member comments are compiled and returned to both the Board and Technical Committee for review.
5. Member comments are addressed by both the Board and the Technical Committee. Appropriate changes are made to the data model as necessary.
6. The final release is sent to members.

Technical Committee Tip

Member questions are regularly used for the Technical Committee tip. Here is an important question that came in this month:

The PODS model has a table to store crossings: FOREIGN_LINE_CROSSINGS. It also has specific tables for roads and railways. For what are each of these tables used?

The foreign line crossing table is used to document when other pipelines or cables cross your line. Some examples include:

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- the local water department has a line that crosses above yours;
- the electric or telephone company has a line that crosses yours either above ground or underground;
- a pipeline company has a pipeline that crosses yours.

The road crossing and railroad crossing tables are used to document where roads and railroads cross your pipeline. Understanding where foreign line, road, and railroad crossings are relative to your pipeline is important with respect to One Call and integrity management.

Rockhounding GIS

Amateur rockhounders search the countryside for good rock and mineral samples. To search for mineral collecting sites, try the [RockHounder site](#). The site could use some work but is still interesting to rockhounds.

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