

# Strengthening Communities

## NGC's Public Education



CERT Volunteer Training

### Natural Gas Literacy Programme

NGC develops and implements natural gas literacy programmes to educate the public on the critical role played by NGC and natural gas. Some of these programmes include:

#### Gas Rush Game

In 2009, the Gas Rush Game Competition was rolled out to the nation's 152 secondary schools. 110 schools participated in the preliminary rounds. 90 games were played over the duration of the competition with the final 16 games being televised. In the Final, between Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain and Naparima Boys' College, San Fernando, the Holy Name Girls emerged as the 2009 Gas Rush Champions.

#### Tobago Outreach Programme

NGC installed an Information Booth at the Gulf City Mall in Tobago so that residents can receive information about NGC, the local natural gas industry and the gas pipeline being constructed to Tobago. NGC has initiated, and will continue in 2010, a natural gas education programme to schools, groups and the general public in Tobago.



Gas Rush Game



School emergency drills

### CAER 2009

The CAER programme educates schools and communities located close to critical natural gas installations about natural gas safety, risks, mitigation measures and response techniques in the event there is a gas-related emergency. Schools are provided with emergency response assessments, follow-up drills, safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, muster signs and horns, and Teacher Training Workshops comprising Basic Fire Fighting, First Aid and CPR.

NGC is collaborating with Regional Corporations which have Disaster Management Teams (DMTs), who by participating in CAER can expand their scope, previously restricted to responding to natural disasters.

NGC approached residents living close to its facilities, to become Community Emergency Response Trained (CERT) Volunteers. The first group of volunteers completed a 5-day training course conducted by the Trinidad and Tobago Voluntary Emergency Trainers (TTVERT). The course ended with a simulated gas-related emergency conducted at NGC's Head Office. These residents are now the eyes and ears of our Safety Programme in communities.



Tertiary Level Workshops

### Monkey and Iguana Lesson Plan

A Natural Gas Lesson Plan has been developed for Primary Schools and is ready to be distributed to primary school teachers of standards three and four. The lesson plan includes posters, Monkey and Iguana puppets, a comic book and other materials to teach children the importance of natural gas in their lives.



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) has developed and implemented a Public Education Programme as a core pillar of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy. There are two major components:

- Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Programme
- Natural Gas Literacy Programme



CERT Workshops

### Natural Gas Tertiary Level Workshops

Close to 200 tertiary level students benefited from four, one week workshop programmes comprising of presentations and field trips. The workshops provided the students with tertiary level understanding of the gas industry and its critical role in the economic development of the country.



Tertiary Level Workshop Field Trip