

Meeting Date: 02.05.24

Offshore Major Accident Hazard Advisory Committee - Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

1400-1600

Chair: Samantha Peace, HSE

Attendees:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Samantha Peace	HSE (Chair)	Robert Merrylees	BROA
Howard Harte	HSE	Andrew Taylor	OPRED
Graham Skinner	OEUK	Jane Mellor	OPRED
Craig Wiggins	Step Change in Safety	Ann Joss	RMT
Stuart Clow	IADC	Carol Jeffrey	HSE (Secretariat)
William Rann	BROA		

Apologies:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Mark Wilson	OEUK	Jim House	MCGA
John Borland	Unite	Peter Lowson	MCGA
Margaret Fitzgerald	IMCA		

1. Introductions and call for AOB	HSE
SP welcomed the attendees, shared the agenda, and requested any AOB.	
2. Review of Actions and Minutes of Meeting	HSE
Action Review: Action1 from 9 th November was on the Agenda to be discussed so could be closed. Action 2 from 9 th November – members indicated that their preference was to have an agenda item to discuss EERTAG Minutes at future meetings. – (Action for Carol to add to future agendas) All other actions from 9 th November had been marked as complete.	

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Action 1 from 4th May 2023 – Graham Skinner to send EERTAG terms of reference to Carol to circulate with this meeting note. Action now closed (see attached below).



EERTAG ToR 2024
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All actions from previous meetings closed.

The group agreed, reviewed, and approved the draft minutes as a true reflection of the November 2024 meeting.

3. Review of Terms of Reference and Ways of Working

All

The group reviewed the Terms of Reference and Ways of Working and the attached revised document is circulated for agreement at the next meeting.

4. Member Organisation Updates

All

OEUK - GS

Maintenance Backlog: OEUK continuing to receive data and track, development of guidance on backlog reduction planning being drafted, Strategy execution in 2024 with hope that 2025 backlog will fall below strategic threshold and individual members will continue to address.

Process Safety: OEUK continue to support and deliver Asset Integrity Technical Group, Operational Integrity Technical Group and Major Hazard Management Technical Groups, Next Process Safety Leadership Event 13 June on Contractor Management

Extreme weather: February and March workshops complete, next step meeting Friday 3rd May, focus on duty holders developing installation specific SWAPs.

Big Persons Offshore: Report issues and members actively addressing the topic many feel it will take some time to consider all aspect within the report.

OEUK Medical Guidelines published with an implementation date of 1st October 2024.

Step Change – CW

Step Change in Safety has had a strategy refresh with their key mission which is to “Prevent injuries and incidents across the Energy Industry.” We want to reduce incidents and injuries across the sector by 50% in the next three years.

Step Change in Safety have released a Process Safety Workforce Survey across its membership. The result will be shared at the Offshore Safety Awards on the 2nd of July 2024. Each company who

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takes part will be able to see their data. This data will be used to compare against the 2023 Process Safety Leadership Survey to identify gaps and initiatives to close them.

Step Change in Safety have set up a workgroup to help sustain the Principles of Process Safety Leadership across the industry. The workgroup is chaired by Laura Forte of BP and Bruce Webb of Scapa. The team is made up of senior staff (MDs, COOs, Directors of Operations, etc.) from operators, contract duty holders and training organisations. We are looking to schedule a two-day workshop with the team in June to build a detailed plan.

We are upgrading our digital observation system called E-Obs with Empirisys. An extension to the tool is being designed which will help with the allocation of observations to the barrier model. This will hopefully be released at the Safety Awards on the 2nd of July 2024.

Our Major Accident Hazard Understanding workgroup are building educational films on how Control of Work can prevent major accident incidents. They are also working with a group of Scottish Universities to look at how we can use gamification to increase the workforce awareness with regard to Major Accident Hazards.

IADC - SC

IADC have issued 2 Safety Alerts which are attached for awareness.

Currently have 12 Primary members (lost Seadrill & Maersk) and 86 associate members in the north sea chapter.

Currently 13 jack ups operating in the UKCS and 4 in Norway
7 semi submersibles in the UKCS and 12 in Norway.

New chairman Richard Male from Diamond Drilling

36 companies so far that have signed up to the IADC mental health charter, task force work group meet every 3-4 weeks.

IADC have release the 2024, 1st quarter ISP (incident statistics program) quarterly summary report (Fatalities, Medical Treatment Only, Restricted Work/Transfer Case, Lost Time Incident & Total Recordables)

IADC have a new H2S program, we now have 4 training providers that have been accredited to deliver the courses.

Working with DYW, to encourage the younger generation at school, there is a future in the energy industry.

Standardised industry approach to rig intake has now been kicked off, led by Kevan Davies from BP.

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BROA – RM

10 operator members and number of associate members as part of the wider UK Chamber of Shipping - Represents the interests of mobile drilling and offshore units across the whole offshore energy industry, include oil and gas, renewables, and offshore accommodation.

Industrial Personnel (IP) Code implementation internationally come 1 July 2024.

- The MCA have admitted they are not in a position to bring in legislation to enact the Code in time but have released a Marine Information Note – MIN 708 - [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/min-708-m-solas-chapter-xv-
authorisations-issued-in-accordance-with-solas-xv32-and-33/min-708-m-solas-chapter-xv-
authorisations-issued-in-accordance-with-solas-xv32-and-33](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/min-708-m-solas-chapter-xv-authorisations-issued-in-accordance-with-solas-xv32-and-33/min-708-m-solas-chapter-xv-authorisations-issued-in-accordance-with-solas-xv32-and-33) - for grandfathering provisions.
- There are issues with implementation and interpretation for UK flagged vessels and non-UK flagged vessels operating in the UK EEZ given the delayed implementation into law and BROA is working with IMCA and MCA to try to resolve.

BROA welcomed an HSE inspector to its most recent Technical Committee on 23 April for presentation and discussion on emergency preparedness, extreme weather, and operational safety. Operations in extreme weather and anchor fail has become a priority of HSE, following a number of mooring failure incidents, and BROA is working with members and HSE to address.

Potential for further IMO updates on maritime aspects at the next OMAHAC meeting following IMO's MSC, NCSR and CCC Committees across Q2/Q3 2024.

IMCA – No Updates

MCA – No Updates

OPRED - JM

OPRED restructuring of functional teams into regional teams now complete. Changes in SLT now in place.

Industry Tier 3 exercises for 2024 under way with 3 of 8 completed so far and a large-scale exercise including shoreline response and equipment deployment was held 23-25 April 2024.

NCP expected to be published in May.

Looking at amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998 which sets the requirements to have an OPEP to expand them to cover CCUS and hydrogen activities undertaken from offshore installations.

The OEUK Mutual Aid Framework Agreement (MAFA) has only a few signatories to it so far, so will be elevating this with senior industry leaders. Would seek voluntary sign up, but option to consider it a mandatory requirement through the OPEP approval process.

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RMT – AJ

Ann had no issues to raise.

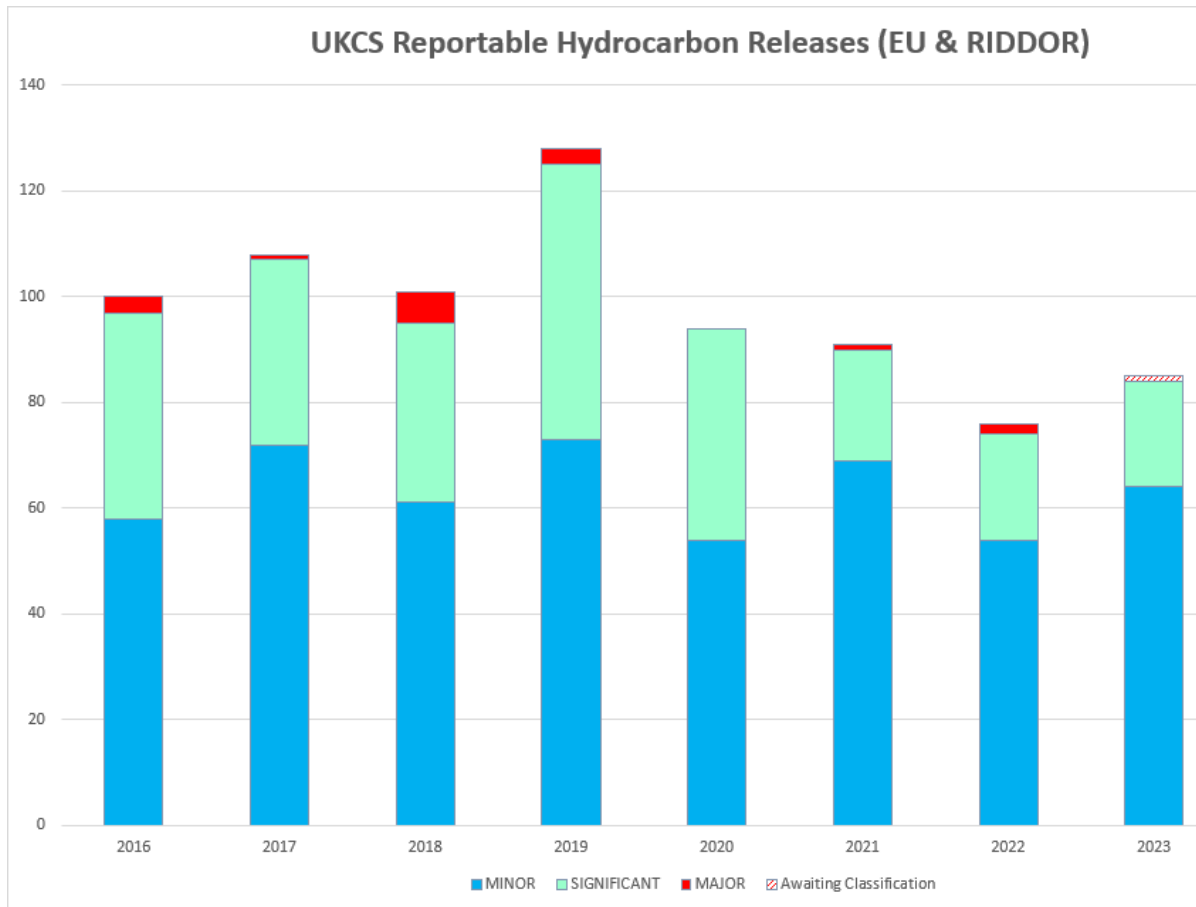
Unite – No Updates

HSE – HH

Hydrocarbon Releases (HCRs)

HCR performance for 2023 showed a reduced performance compared to 2022 with a total of 85 releases compared to 76 the prior year. End-year figures were better than expected given the poor start to year. One release from 2023 remains unclassified as was a retrospective submission following an HSE investigation of a workforce concern. Based on the information gathered during the investigation, it is likely that the release will be recorded as “Significant” which will mean that there were no major releases in 2023. However, this remains with the caveat from the previous update in that there were two releases which breached the major threshold in terms of overall release size but were downgraded to significant due to the escalation potential (location of release and actual release rate / duration). 2024 Q1 performance is an improvement on that of the same period in 2023 (18 v 26) and only slightly worse than the equivalent period in 2022 (15).

HSE are hopeful of conducting additional analysis of HCR performance with an aim of identifying underlying trends however this is contingent on availability of internal resources to progress the work.



Process Safety Leadership Principles (PSLP)

HSE are approaching the end of the targeted 2-year inspection programme with the final inspection taking place in April 2024. A total of 13 production operators will have been subject to a specific PSLP inspection over the course of the 2-years but others have actively engaged with HSE and industry to try and gather learnings for improvements within their own organisation. Currently, HSE are targeting a programme review session for July 2024 and provisional feedback to industry in Q3 / Q4 2024. Going forward, PSLP will become a routine part of HSE interventions and will remain as an option should Duty Holder performance warrant a more targeted inspection.

Work continues with OEUK on further embedding PSLP within industry. An additional engagement session was held by OEUK in January 2024 and a further session around contractor engagement is provisionally planned for June 2024. Additional work streams are currently being evaluated using the outputs from workshops and information gathered both from HSE inspections and the wider industry who have conducted independent gap analysis.

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Extreme Weather

HSE is starting to receive safety cases (and many planned for receipt over coming months) which set out the DH response to the information provided by HSE on reduced air gaps. It is expected these will largely set out mitigation in the form of severe weather action plans (SWAPs).

In parallel OEUK chaired a meeting 14 February on what the collective industry mitigation response may look like and to set out to explore the risks associated with this. BP clearly set out their approach to the issue.

HSE chaired an online meeting 14/15 March to set out expectations on the structural re-assessment work. This included contributions from DHs, Havtil on the Norwegian regulatory approach and various consultants and contractors involved in the work.

Maintenance Backlogs

All responses to HSE annual backlog information request have now been received and being reviewed.

An internal meeting with HSE principal inspectors and senior managers is planned for 27 June.

EERTAG

Following publication of the Big Persons Offshore (BPO) report, duty holders are advised to review their PFEER Reg 5 assessments to ensure they are up to date. HSE will be conducting onshore HQ inspections of duty holder plans to meet the recommendations contained in the BPO report. HSE recognises that some aspects of duty holder improvement plans may have long lead times.

HSE Operations Notice 82 Guidance on the Provision of Accommodation On Offshore Installations, Rev 3, August 2022

OEUK raised an issue on the application of ON82 by HSE inspectors. For specific concerns from individual duty holders, HSE has requested that OEUK communicate to its members, that they should raise any concerns with the appropriate IMT Team Leader or Operations Manager in HSE. For generic ON82 issues, HSE welcomes invitations from OEUK to attend appropriate forums to share industry wide learnings.

5. AOB

- None

6. Dates of Future Meetings

6 November 2024

Carol to look at dates for 2025.