

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
Mark Wilson	OEUK	Jane Mellor	OPRED
Craig Wiggins	Step Change in Safety	Peter Lowson	MCGA
Stuart Clow	IADC	Carol Jeffrey	HSE (Secretariat)
John Borland	UNITE		

Apologies:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Ann Joss	RMT		

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 & Action 2 from 2 nd May was on the Agenda to be discussed so could be closed. Action 3 from 2 nd May – 1st meeting of 2025 arranged for 7 th May. 2 nd meeting still to be arranged so will add a new action.	

3. Review of Terms of Reference and Ways of Working	All
<p>The group agreed the revised Terms of Reference and Ways of Working.</p>  <p>OMAHAC - Terms of Reference & Ways o</p>	
4. Member Organisation Updates	All
OEUK – MW	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extreme weather – the industry has been responding to HSE letter on severe weather action plans and a workshop was held in September with industry and regulators to agree next steps. Industry is moving forward with severe weather action plans at a duty holder level.• ARI helipad – the availability of the ARI helipad is an ongoing discussion topic across industry. The topsides medical forum (TMF) is meeting on 28 November 2024 to look at the issue. Feedback will be provided to OMAHAC.• Principles of process safety leadership – a steering committee is being established for the principles of process safety leadership with a meeting to be held shortly (ideally December) for the principles signatories. OEUK are looking to finalise a process safety strategy that will bring together policy work on this subject.• Maintenance - data trending in the right direction for 2024, although not complacent and recognise it is about managing the risk associated with maintenance backlog.• Big persons offshore - EERTAG have this in hand and there is a meeting on 20 November 2024 planned with MCA to discuss further. Invites have been extended to other OMAHAC members.	
Step Change – CW	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step Change in Safety are building their 2025 plan. Key goal will be to reduce incidents and injuries over the next three years.• We are focussed on sustaining the Principles of Process Safety Leadership via our Process Safety leadership Work Group. We intend to produce short videos to what good looks like and this will be developed throughout 2025.• Looking to set up a site visit program offshore as per our “Boots on for Safety” Guidance which will deal with the clear feedback from the Process Safety Workforce survey.• Wellbeing Work Group held their event at the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen. Positive event.• The MAH Understanding Work Group is working with Abertay, RGU and Caledonian Universities on a gamification project as part of their curriculum.• Planning for two SI971 Safety Rep events and a Site Manager event in 2025.• Talking to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority about extending their supply chain membership in 2025.	

IADC - SC



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- Currently we have 12 members in the North Sea Chapter, lost Diamond as a result of the merge with Noble.
- We have 103 Associate Members, most ever.
- UKCS: 6 Semi submersibles, 14 Jack Ups currently operating.
- New Chair for the chapter to be elected at the AGM in a couple of weeks.
- IADC have release the 3rd quarter ISP (incident statistics program) quarterly summary report 24th September 2024
- Meeting with HSE and BROA, discusses issues with negative air gap on semi submersibles, HSE have produced a document that has been shared with IADC & BROA for consultation.
- Working with a gentleman called David Jamieson (**Human Factors Lead** - Upstream Operated UK) to support SCTA (safety critical task analysis) interested to learn the pitfalls, challenges, false starts, flaws that people have found with the process – along with the success stories. David is keen to reflect best practices and also things to watch out for in the process. IADC will be sharing experiences to assist David with his document.
- IADC mental health charter rebranded to Mental Health in Energy, first event last week at the ONE BIO Hub, 3 speakers including the Rev Michael Mair. Event is for members that have signed up to the charter, very successful, another one will be planned for 2025.

BROA – RM

Governance

- New BROA Chair of Jon Oliver Bryce, Chief Strategy Officer at Dolphin Drilling
- New BROA Technical Chair of Dan Rowan, Vice-President (Marine Operations) at Cadeler

Priorities

- IP Code
 - Awaiting public consultation from MCA on implementation of the Industrial Personnel Code (IP Code), which globally entered into force on 1 July 2024. Highly important for vessels operating in offshore energy sector.
 - Working with partners to keep IP Code on the work programme / agenda at IMO's SDC Subcommittee, which takes place January 2025, since necessity for experience building and implementation learning phase from the new code.
- Negative Air Gap
 - Working with HSE on concerns relating to negative airgaps on semisubmersibles in survival conditions.
 - Engagement on 23 April and 7 October, has resulted in a draft OIS from Energy Division (Offshore), that's with BROA members for comment.

IMCA – No Updates

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MCA – PL

- I noted that two items for discussion had been raised previously in the meeting: the restrictions at ARI helipad and the MCA SAR letter in response to the OEUK report on big persons offshore.
- In addition, I added that there would soon be a new website for the Emergency Preparedness Offshore Liaison (EPOL) group and Offshore Renewable Energy Emergency Forum (OREEF), which I would circulate more details for at the next meeting.

OPRED – JM

- Industry Tier 3 exercises for 2024 are nearly complete, 7 of 8 completed so far and the last one on 12 November.
- NCP was published in July 2024.
- Competent Authority intervention planning is ongoing and OPRED will get their inspection plans to HSE this coming week with plans issued to dutyholders in December.
- Draft guidance on Scope 3 end use emissions in response to the Finch decision is out for consultation with workshops being held with industry and other stakeholders.

RMT – No Updates

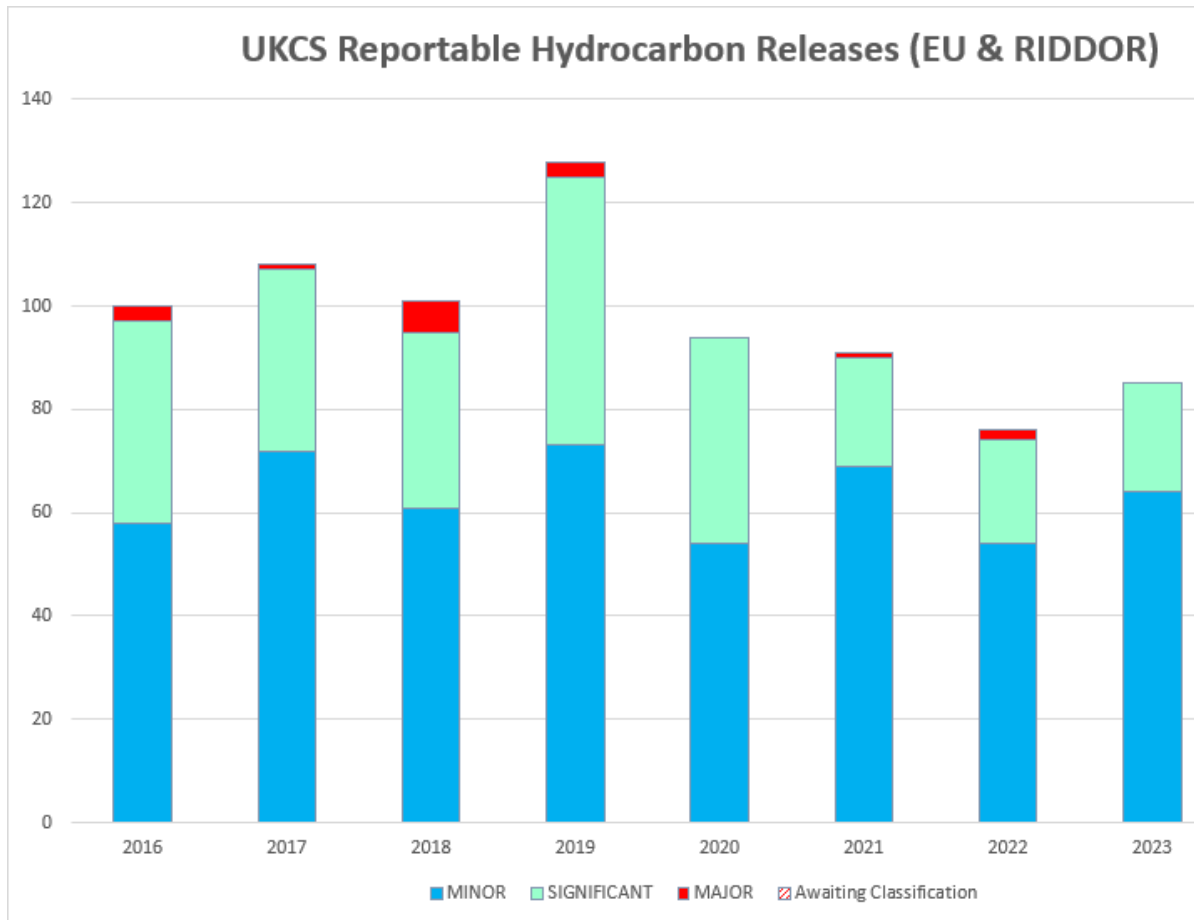
Unite – JB

- ARI helipad closure and impact on injured persons getting treatment and will this change major accident plans.
- Helicopter spare parts and pilot shortages causing delays for workers offshore, leading to increased fatigue.
- Increase in mental health cases due to uncertainty and redundancies in offshore industry, which could also lead to an increase in incidents and accidents.
- Safety reps being targeted for raising safety issues and being removed from installations.

HSE – HH

Hydrocarbon Releases (HCRs)

There have been a total of 58 reportable releases until end-Q3 which is on track for performance midway between 2022 and 2023. Classification of releases has been delayed due to other priority work and is a priority to update. However, we do not believe that there are any major releases in those still awaiting formal classification. There have been several recent incidents which have occurred due to failures to reinstate plant integrity such as capping of bleed points, reinstatement of plugs etc which is symptomatic of failures in the plant readiness checks following maintenance periods.



Process Safety Leadership Principles (PSLP)

All PSLP inspections were completed as planned in May 2024. An additional inspection was completed in September 2024 however this was not part of the original programme and was instigated following HSE concerns on some aspects of Duty Holder performance. HSE are currently preparing a report which will cover the findings of the programme as well as any recommendations for industry on areas which require further work. This further work will form part of the workstreams agreed with OEUK and the Operational Integrity Technical Group (OITG). HSE have also engaged with SCiS to ensure that the workstreams being progressed by each stakeholder are aligned.

Feedback to industry will be via a combination of the published report and a presentation at the OEUK HSE conference on 6 February 2025.

Extreme Weather Fixed Structures

An OEUK /HSE Severe Weather Action Plan (SWAP) Workshop was held on 11 September with very good participation from operators and other key stakeholders, including the Met office / coastguard.

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HSE has set a deadline for the receipt of duty holder SWAP submissions of 31 October and on receipt will review the precautionary personnel removal trigger parameters, and also further engage with OEUK to discuss cross industry practical issues, for example helicopter scheduling and availability.

To achieve a consistent approach for the different installation risk priorities, a JIP has been proposed.

Maintenance Backlogs

HSE is continuing to inspect maintenance backlogs for prioritised duty holders and installations following an internal risk ranking exercise in June 2024. An internal HSE review meeting is planned for December 2024 to assess the maintenance backlog findings, and determine what further action may be required.

A sharing meeting is scheduled with the NSTA on backlogs for January 2025.

Negative Airgap and Wave Impact Issues for Semi-Submersible Installations

A meeting was held with HSE/IADC/BROA on 7 September to discuss concerns on negative airgap impact loads.

A draft HSE Information Sheet was shared at the meeting and there was good engagement and a request for comments by the end November 2024.

Competence in Emergency Response

The HSE Emergency Response, Marine and Aviation (ERMA) team have issued more letter items on competence in emergency response over the last 12 months than any other topic. Although the team are confident that *standards* of competence remains the same, duty holders are failing in their arrangements to *demonstrate* this competence, with far too much reliance on simply attending training courses.

The team are concerned that an industry-wide failure to follow OPITO Competence Standards for ER roles will result in a “skill-fade” over time. This issue has been raised at EERTAG.

Big Persons Offshore Update

OEUK have published their revised report on Big Persons Offshore. This will require all duty holders to revisit their PFEER 5 Assessments to ensure specified limits on Life-Saving Appliances (particularly those provided under SOLAS 1974) are not breached.

Asbestos Duty to Manage

As part of HSE’s strategic health objective to reduce work related ill health a campaign on “duty to manage” asbestos has been initiated.

The campaign consists of 3 stages.

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1. In early 2024 duty holders were requested to complete an electronic questionnaire. These questionnaires were triaged and assessed as; green, amber or red. Green flags were closed out, amber flags were filtered to stage 2 and red flags were followed up for investigation. This stage is now complete and a big thank you to all the duty holders involved.
2. This second stage will be a more detailed review of the amber flags, and will be undertaken in 4 phases, primarily over 2025. Identified 'red flags' from the review will be assessed by the Industrial Hygiene to determine what regulatory action may be required.
3. The third stage will involve targeted management inspections by the Industrial Hygiene Team.

To support this work, an Asbestos Management Inspection Guide was published in June 2024.

[The Offshore Asbestos Management Inspection Guide \(hse.gov.uk\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/management/inspection-guide/)

5. AOB

- None

6. Dates of Future Meetings

7 May 2025

Carol to look at dates for 2nd meeting in 2025.