

Meeting Date: 07.05.25

Offshore Major Accident Hazard Advisory Committee - Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

1000-1200

Chair: Samantha Peace, HSE

Attendees:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Samantha Peace	HSE (Chair)	Ann Joss	RMT
Howard Harte	HSE	Guy Heaton	OPRED
Mark Wilson	OEUK	Graeme Christie	BROA
Stuart Clow	IADC	Carol Jeffrey	HSE (Secretariat)

Apologies:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Robert Merrylees	BROA		
Craig Wiggins	Step Change in Safety		
Pete Lowson	MCGA		

1. Introductions and call for AOB	HSE
<p>SP welcomed the attendees, shared the agenda, and requested any AOB. No further AOB was put forward. GC was representing BROA. As it was GC's first attendance SP asked everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	
2. Review of Actions and Minutes of Meeting	HSE
<p>Action 1 from 6th November 2024 – meeting has been organised for 5th November 2025, 1000 – 1200 so action is now closed.</p> <p>The group agreed that they had reviewed and approved the draft minutes as a true reflection of the 6 November 2024 OMAHAC meeting.</p>	

3. EERTAG Minutes	All
<p>No items were raised for EERTAG Minutes from 11 December 2024 and 4 February 2025.</p> <p>MW indicated that the next EERTAG Meeting would be held on 21 May 2025 and the minutes would be circulated to OMAHAC members when available.</p>	
4. Offshore Wind Industry Stakeholders	All
<p>There was a round table discussion, and everyone got the opportunity to put forward their opinions about whether offshore wind industry stakeholders should be included in OMAHAC.</p> <p>Action 1 – SP suggested that the group go away and think about the implications with having offshore wind stakeholders, what issues there might be and come back prepared for a full discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action 2 – Secretariat to have an item on the November meeting agenda to have a full discussion about whether offshore wind stakeholders should be invited to join OMAHAC.</p>	
5. Member Organisation Updates	

OEUK – MW

- PSLP strategy and maintenance backlog – ongoing activity with stakeholders updated. maintenance backlog guidance document in final stages of drafting, updated planned maintenance shutdown guidance in late stages of drafting. Maintenance backlog data showed a small increase in Q4 2024 and that is not unexpected due to winter months impacting work activity.
- PED alignment – portable electronic device (PED) alignment for 1 July 2025 roll out across Industry. SCiS material due to be launched in a fortnight.
- ARI helipad – ongoing work and requires budget that is being reviewed by ARI Board Trustees.
- OEUK medical guidelines – ongoing peer review and targeting Q3 2025 (latest) for issue.
- Big persons offshore (BPO)/ size and shape – work ongoing with industry to look at a collective solution - will be considering a safety weight limit for offshore workers and have set up a working group. Aim is to engage with Unions by end of May 2025.
- Weight loss medical protocols – with medical examiners as a stop gap between now and updated OEUK medical guidelines.

SCiS – CW was unable to attend the meeting.

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IADC – SC

- Taken onboard Communications company to assist with comms and media posts.
- Active drilling rigs in the UKCS, 14 Jack-up, 4 Semi submersibles.
- Challenging times for members with reduced activity and uncertainty of future contracts in 2026.
- Continue to support MHiE (Mental Health in Energy) charter.

BROA – GC

No Updates

OPRED – GH

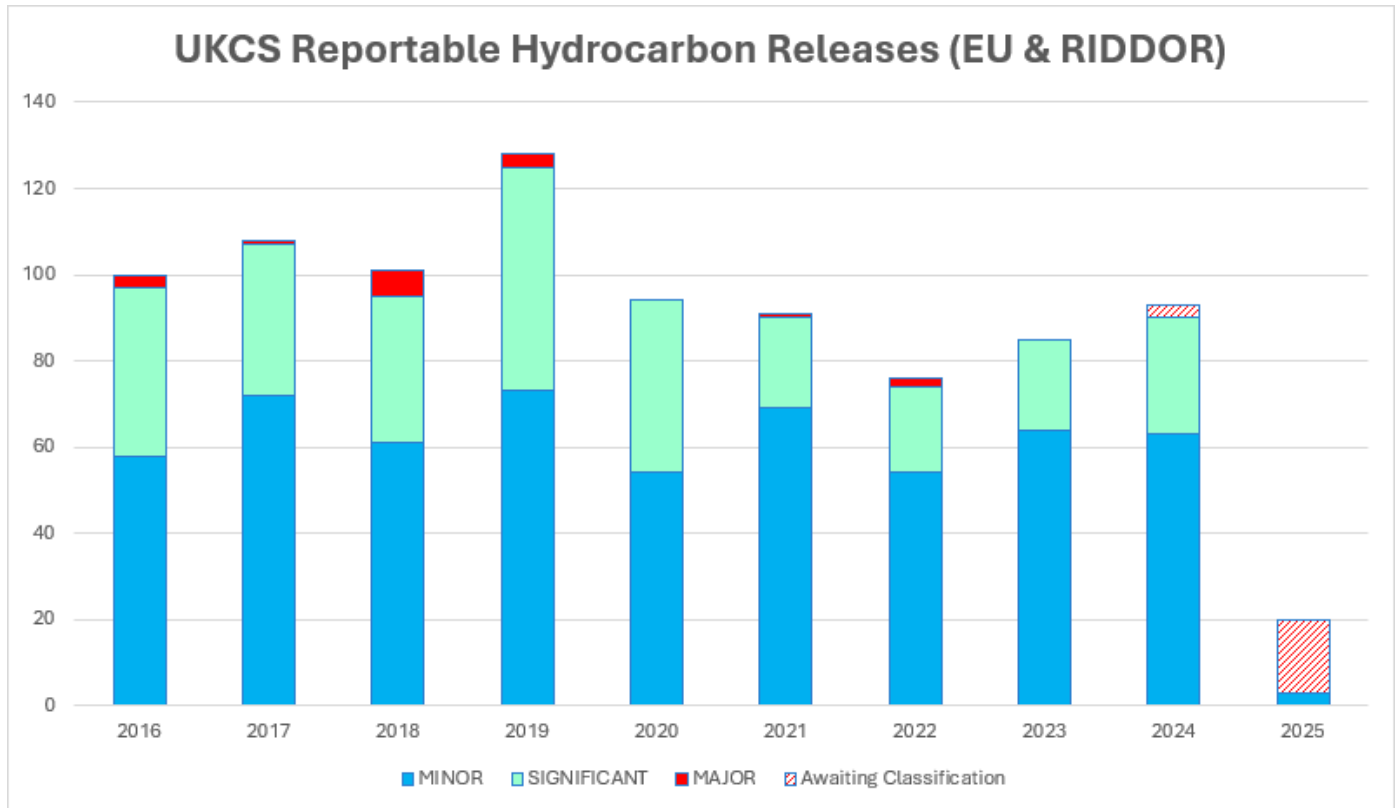
- Seven Tier 3 exercises planned in 2025, 2 have already taken place.
- The consultation on guidance on Scope 3 end use emissions is closed and the guidance will be issued as soon as possible.
- Management of ageing infrastructure, maintenance and atmospheric emissions remain a focus for offshore inspection.
- Change of operatorship and company mergers are a focus at present given the number and scale of recent changes in this area.

RMT – AJ

- Redundancy Consultations
- Maintenance backlogs not being done – focus has changed.
- Weight loss injections
- Mental health impact – fear of raising concerns.
- More worried about jobs than safety

HSE – HH

Hydrocarbon Release Performance



2024 HCR performance represented an increase on the previous years with a rapid increase in numbers (29) in Q4 2024. There are currently three releases from 2024 waiting to be classified due to these being late or retrospective submissions. However, indications are that there were no major releases in 2024. While no major releases occurred, there have been significant releases of gas which have occurred but were downgraded due to locations of release and / or potential to escalate into an MAH event.

HSE is concerned by the current HCR performance. Currently we consider performance to be degrading or at best reached a plateau. Industry focus needs to be directed towards understanding the reasons releases are occurring and less consideration of the numbers or the systems that the releases are occurring on. Failures of a similar nature on a different plant section may have resulted in a different outcome. OEUK have engaged a 3rd party consultant to attempt to build a system to allow better interrogation of trends and HSE are assisting in this area however there is currently no meaningful data which can be shared. If meaningful trends are identified which would allow targeted areas of focus, then this will be shared with industry.

There is also evidence that Duty Holders are failing to correctly report releases which has resulted in some retrospective submissions when identified by HSE. Industry is reminded to check reportability criteria against that outlined in OEUK guidance. It is also recommended that if in any doubt with regards reportability, HSE should be

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consulted or a ROGI submitted regardless. HSE review all ROGI submitted and if assessed as not meeting the reporting thresholds they are deleted from the database.

Process Safety Leadership

HSE have now published our findings from the PSLP inspection campaign and are available for review from the HSE website ([HSE Offshore: Inspections report: process safety leadership of offshore operators](#)). Feedback was also provided at the OEUK HSE conference. Duty Holders should review the report and reflect on how the findings can be applied to their organisations.

Moving forward, PSLP will continue to form the basis of our interactions with industry either through routine inspections or annual reviews / MHMR. Currently HSE intend to conduct 2 targeted in-depth PSLP inspections in the 2025-2026 work year as a result of specific concerns with performance.

Industry engagement is continuing with HSE presenting at the SCiS event in April and a senior leadership event in June. HSE are also in discussions with OEUK with the aim of engaging directly with the contractor community to establish how Duty Holders are actively involving key contractors in PSLP.

The OITG now has a new co-chair (Carol Logan of CNOOC) following the departure of Paul Binnie. Workstreams for the OITG are contained within the OEUK PSLP strategy document and will be progressed through the year. Work in relation to SIRP (Safe Isolation and Reinstatement of Plant) is being reinvigorated and remains a key area of concern for HSE.

Extreme Weather

Severe weather actions plans (SWAPs) have been received for all fixed installations at risk from a negative air gap. Some further detail is to be received from a small number of DHs to ensure a consistent picture is obtained across the sector.

Material changes to safety cases are expected to be submitted to HSE where this was not declared as a previous mitigation measure. Continuing cross sector / OGD engagement via OEUK stakeholder meeting for this important risk area.

Maintenance Backlog

Backlog data has recently been received from the vast majority of production installations. Assessment of individual DH/installation backlog pictures is to be conducted ahead of an HSE internal review in early July 25 to ensure that the highest risk continues to be targeted. This work is considered a key element of PSLP relating to asset integrity.

Active Fire Protection Performance

HSE has become concerned about the performance of offshore Active Fire Protection systems and as a result has taken enforcement action. At the same time HSE has been engaging with the offshore verifiers and is also in the process of updating and re-issuing the Active Fire Protection Inspection Guide. Going forward HSE will be inspecting Active Fire Protection systems across the industry through the collection of performance data and prioritised offshore inspections.

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Attendant Vessels Collision Risk: Safety Alert March 2025

HSE has identified a rise in the number of incidents of attendant ships colliding with offshore oil and gas and renewable energy structures. With the failure of navigational watch processes and systems resulting in collisions or risk of collisions.

Incidents are occurring because:

- personnel who are responsible for watchkeeping and the safe navigation of a vessel are being distracted with non-navigational tasks,
- situational awareness is not being maintained at all times,
- there is insufficient communication between all members of a bridge team.

Vessel operators and duty holders responsible for marine activities connected with offshore oil and gas installations and windfarms should review operating their procedures and take actions relevant to their operation as described in the Safety Alert issued in March 2025. [Risk of collision with offshore installations from attendant vessels - HSE](#)
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.

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. The second stage is 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. HSE is at phase 1 of this stage and 10 duty holder amber flags are being reviewed.

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 \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)

6. AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotation of Chair/Secretariat Roles <p>Action 3 – It was agreed that OEUK would take on the roles. This would take effect from arrangements for the next meeting on 5 November 2025. Carol to pass on any relevant information to MW</p>	
7. Dates of Future Meetings	

5 November 2025