

Meeting Date: 03.12.2020

Offshore Major Accident Hazard Advisory Committee - Agenda

OGUK, Teams Meeting

09:30 – 12:00

Chair: Trevor Stapleton, OGUK

Attendees:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Chris Flint	HSE	Katherine Meffen	OGUK
Howard Harte	HSE	Stuart Clow	IADC
Jim House	MCA	Steve Rae	SCIS
Katrina Ross	BROA	Trevor Stapleton	OGUK
Andy Taylor	OPRED	Pete Lowson	MCA

Apologies:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Jake Molloy	RMT	John Boland	Unite

1. Introductions and call for AOAB	OGUK
TS welcomed attendees, shared the agenda and requested that any AOAB items be raised during the attendees' introductions. No additional AOAB	
2. Review of Actions and Minutes of Meeting	OGUK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The group agreed that they had reviewed and approved the draft minutes as a true reflection of the August 2020 OMAHAC meeting.Action Review: TS went through the open actions on the list and the group defined current status. Full action list will be shared with minutes. TS – question re links into Fisheries Liaison group. Concerns re: existence of safety zones. For clarity, where is this managed? AT – no clear answer, would have to check with decommissioning team re remaining structures. No longer automatic under SCR, but still a hazard to users of the sea. CF – HSE have no role in safety zone following topside removal.	

AT to confirm.

3. Member Organisation Updates

All

- HSE

CF confirmed new Chair of HSE to participate in OGUK HSE conference.

HCR prevention performance: 2019 and 2020 not showing a decrease, HSE focus is on maintenance backlog.

COVID compliance findings are being shared via the Pandemic Steering Group.

Very good practice seen, but where there are issues arising, there is a common theme of not implementing / checking arrangements. HH noted that on the whole, the industry has done a very good job managing COVID.

HSE intend to present data on 2020 HCR via the Major Hazards TG. Initial analysis of inspection scores on key barriers seems to show a worsening trend. Assurance guideline is welcomed as a good start, but more needs to be done. Suggest that governance group for PPSL to bring together stakeholders is essential.

TS asked about HCR classification, and whether the review distinguishes between RIDDOR reportable vs EU reporting?

HH noted that this will be part of the discussion at MAH. Additional European reporting has muddied the waters to a certain extent.

- MCA

JH reported that ship standards fully resourced.

IMO Diving Code not likely to affect UK practice.

MCA progressing remote rescue craft development for renewable.

PL noted that coastguard and SAR operational response has been maintained throughout the year but noted that training has been impacted.

PL also raised a vessel-related incident which may be of relevance to PSG.

He noted that the altered mental state incident had demonstrated the complexities of those incidents and difficulties.

PL noted an issue with one training provider conducting OIM legislation training not covering MCA element and requested clarification on whether it is in the OPITO content standard.

- OPRED

AT advised that offshore inspections still primarily remote, but visits restarted in November. Availability of staff has improved since initial lockdown.

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Lots of supporting activity relating to legislative requirements and EU Exit transition period, and ongoing litigation.

Awaiting outcome of negotiations and what form the replacement for EU-ETS will take.

Ongoing dialogue with operators to ensure appropriate cover during reduced manning periods and focus on smaller to mid-size releases and spills from non-SECE barriers.

Review of OSD completed – majority of areas where implementation may need review on national level. Still highlighted additional areas not felt to be within scope – OPRED have submitted explanatory memorandum on UK position.

Focus on net-zero policy and the Energy White Paper to see what resource that will require. Currently recruiting for this, and backfilling inspector vacancies. Awaiting Ministerial approval for review on structures and response. Proposals expected following review, Q1.

At clarified that safety zone remains in place until decommissioning activity is completed (e.g.) topside removed. If jacket left in situ at end of decom activity, marked on charts but no zone.

- RMT
- UNITE
Apologies received as OCG meeting clash. Note that no OMAHAC decisions will be taken in their absence.
- BROA
KR welcomed the STCW add-on module for BOSIET confirmed with OPITO, released in September
Exploring how UK can apply obligations of IMO; grandfathering provisions for ship design etc.

EU review of OSD – monitoring potential impact in UK and how to manage developments.

Energy Transition issues including survey on vessel and rig emissions in UKCS in early 2021 (working with OGUK)

Ready to participate in work group on third party equipment and bringing third-country rigs into UKCS.

Working to assist members to maintain exemption while attending Safety training.

- IADC – SC advised that a new chair is in place, Bob Geddes.

Increased activity seen in UKCS and improving commercial situation for members. Drilling contractors still working remotely, although procedures to allow some employees into offices. All conducting mobilisation testing.

SC noted ongoing work with PoliceScotland to run drills / exercises for protest. Installation in Dundee available, but tier three changes locally led to delay.

IADC sponsorship for students impacted by COVID – however, still offering free places for students at IADC conferences etc.

Virtual training for well control up and running, very positive feedback from community.

Knowledge Retention and digital – creating a database, and now to create a two year training path. Learning objectives under development. Plan to launch early 2021.

Steering committee has restarted working on performance standards and verification of third-party SC equipment. The intent is to invite other parties to participate (HSE and OGUK). Ensuring all understand roles and responsibilities, and regulatory compliance.

IADC and BROA meeting with HSE on human factors very positive.

Feedback to SCiS on life saving rules, and to OGUK on PPSL pending

- **OGUK**

TS shared latest POB and CMED data for UKCS.

Asked what the impact of potential case on board, and whether contact tracing is having high impact, TS noted that varies with the case, but acknowledged industry has seen incidents where the impacts is high.

Current COVID topics include cabin sharing update to the COVID safe working guideline, which is nearly over the line. Vulnerable persons advice also updated and available.

Most operators now conducting asymptomatic screening testing although a couple have confirmed not testing. Awaiting formal government feedback regarding legal status of NHS contact app notifications.

Continuing to request occupational based criteria for vaccination group 11 priority in Phase 2 based on key worker status in early pandemic planning. Discussion with governments ongoing.

CF – given control measures, etc, is industry seeing lower amount of other transmissible diseases?

TS – no data requests. Southern hemisphere data regarding flu season shows reduction, and anecdotal evidence showed reduction in UKCS D&V outbreaks, for example.

CF – potential to see this as an indicator of how well controls are working

TS shared OGUK HSE strategy for 2021

Topics include Safety Case for the Future, Role of the Technical Authority, Venting and Flaring, building on the upcoming Adverse Weather piece, JIP on Shoreline Response Planning, Brexit impacts. Offshore medicals standard revision, aviation – wrong deck landing, IOGP 690 alignment.

HCR Prevention – assurance guideline completed, including gap analysis for use by operators, training packages for senior leaders and practitioners. SIRP group underway with HSE and offshore workforce involvement.

- StepChange in Safety –

SR advised TEMPSC familiarisation work close to completion – final review meeting scheduled for next week, with publication early 2021. Consensus position reached.

Safe Working Essentials E-Obs launched last year, now following sandbox testing, several companies going live with it. Industry level data will now be collected, which will be a very useful basis for sharing and collaboration.

SR advised the quarterly themes SCiS plan for 2021:

Q1 life-saving rules – campaign videos aligned with IOGP content. Handheld app to allow individuals to test understanding and awareness of rules. 10,000 user licenses available. Run through 2021, with intention of adding more topics such as understanding MAH, potential for Confined Space and other personal safety topics.

Combat knowledge and competence fade

Q2 safe lifting operations and preventing falling objects

Q3 – MAH, not just HCR, but also well incidents and well integrity. Will work with Wells Forum in OGUK.

Q4 Personal Responsibility for Safety – mental health and wellbeing, eye safety, WAH, confined space, slips trips and falls.

Based on recent safety data reported in HSE and OGUK reports.

Boots on for Safety campaign for 2021 – 7Cs, life saving rules in Q1.

4. Cabin Sharing

All

TS provided some background to cabin sharing, including letter from HSE in 2014 to industry regarding ceasing the requirement for notification and expectations re: sharing.

Does not exempt from compliance, and in HSE reading is about temporary arrangements. Some adjustments very easy, which is about lifeboat provision etc, but more difficult to justify on welfare grounds.

Feedback from workforce engagement inspector shows that while some are fine with it, others are not, and the impacts mentioned are mental wellbeing and welfare.

HSE are Inviting the feedback to understand industry and workforce position. As with other topics, keen to work this in a collaborative way. Generally positive about how industry manages this, but there are outliers.

Conscious that trade unions are not represented and will have input to give.

HH noted that DCR was written with the expectation of industry moving to two person cabins and was intended to improve conditions. The relaxation in 2014 was to help industry and workforce as well as regulator. Enabling regulator, and to permit the liquidation of excessive maintenance backlogs. Topic came to OMAHAC, and all signed up to the change.

Understanding was that this was temporary and noting that it was not always possible to get a flotel or to postpone maintenance worksopes for specific reasons. Issue now seems to be desire to push the boundary beyond that.

Workforce engagement and consultation is critical, and must consider if it is approved, is it the core crew or the contractors that have to share, how is the consultation / engagement being conducted, and how best to manage it?

Potential for small work group to review and advise? OGUK, SCiS, regulators and trade union involvement.

TS – fully supportive, although cognisant of the current situation with maintenance backlog following 2020.

CF – noting that workforce required, and not all workforce are represented via unions, so potential to use ESR from SCiS perspective.

SR suggested that as with lifeboat topic, SCiS may be best placed to host such a group. It was agreed that tripartite approach would be appropriate. TS noted a reservation that with lifeboats there was a small number of outliers, but there is more variation amongst operators on this topic. Suggested the need to ensure that appropriate representation of operator views is included.

TS and SR to discuss and propose way forward.

5. OPITO 2021 Review Topics and aligning safety training

EH introduced himself as the responsible person for the development and review of OPITO standards. He shared the schedule for 2021 (part of the standard 4 year review cycle).

EH noted that stakeholders are invited to participate in the review process. Kick off with a survey to request feedback. Sometimes very minor feedback, at others more significant changes mean a lot of industry focus. 20 standards due for review in 2021.

New Standards include helicopter refuelling, helicopter operations on NUIs

OPITO are diversifying portfolio into wider energy piece. In addition to BOSIET and FOET, new transition standards to move from oil and gas into wind. Limited and Full Access conversion standards.

Have made a request to their medical advisor to update research and conduct a study on the CA-EBS. Review medical findings on those who have been approved, those who were not fit on the day, any incidents during training (understanding is none) and to look at additional shallow water exercises, including inversion in shallow water. Also looking at HUET operations with CA-EBS. Had hoped to have conclusion at end 2020, but not possible due to disruption.

Once concluded, will share with stakeholders and UKIF to see what way forward on increased fidelity in HUET training.

HH noted that HSE are keen to participate through their ERR team. Conscious of contact list and how this liaison is managed. Be good to have key contacts for the standards.

EH welcomed provision of an updated list of appropriate contact points .

PL also offered MCA support for reviews. Regarding OIM legislation courses, recent discovery that no MCA content in the course for at least one provider.

EH advised that OIM regs course is not covered by an OPITO standard, although agree with the principle.

KM asked what engagement with non-oil and gas groups has been conducted. EH advised that transition group has UK and Scottish Renewables representation. Has been engagement via G-Plus rather than GWO directly.

6. Committee Governance

Ways of Working document review noted that BROA were not listed in permanent appointees, and correction to title of RMT requested.

TS queried whether HSENI should be listed.

Aims and Objectives of next meeting – Felt that there is not a proactive approach to requesting agenda items and work streams appropriately and to commission papers. Noted that there are issues that we do need to discuss.

TS – aims and objectives for OGUK would be that we need to present on the steering group for hydrocarbon release prevention, and the PPSL.

HSE and OGUK to both present evidence on progress.

SR proposed each group could go out to members and ask for feedback for SCIS Q3 MAH programme.

TS suggested the inclusion of Wells Forum input for future meetings.

AT noted that OPRED would propose review of support for long lasting pollution incidents and progress in that workstream.

CF appreciate that work loads are very busy, but not having union representation means this is not tripartite. Putting dates in the calendar in advance was aimed to assist. HSE will follow up and enquire whether further support required.

New Chair for 2021/2022

Formal offer to unions as per TOR then further discussion?

Potential for others to offer secretariat?

TS – push for dates in 2021.

Agreed early May and early November 2021.

7. AOAB

AT advised of plan for a survey of stakeholders of Competent Authority about performance. Plan is to send out questionnaire in February 2021, potential to share before formal issue.