

Minutes

Offshore Major Accident Hazard Advisory Committee

Oil & Gas UK Aberdeen Office

09.30 – 12.30; Chair – Matt Abraham

ATTENDEES

Matt Abraham	OGUK	Jake Molloy	RMT
Russell Breen	HSE	Katherine Meffen	OGUK
June Calder	HSE	Gillian Simpson	Stepchange in Safety
Tommy Campbell	UNITE	Trevor Stapleton	OGUK
Margaret Fitzgerald	IMCA	Andrew Taylor	OPRED
Bob Egan	HSE	Emily Taylor	Stepchange in Safety
Chris Flint	HSE		

Apologies

Wendy Kennedy	OPRED
Katrina Ross	BROA
Gwilym Stone	MCA
Bryan Monson	HSENI

1. Safety, Welcome and Introductions

Safety Brief, Introductions & AOAB, review of minutes and outstanding actions.
Minutes approved. Actions updated as per action list.

2. Update on Ongoing Activities

a) HCR Reduction

Trevor Stapleton (TS) provided an update on progress since HSE issued challenge on HCR reduction in April '18, and advised that an industry workshop is planned for Q2 2019. He outlined a number of areas in progress:

- Rapid Response meeting – Forum to allow HSE to highlight urgent operational concerns to operators, separate from HVL / safe space process, at request of HSE managers.
- Research into process safety leadership activities currently undertaken across industry, and collation of information into a resource for industry.
- Task finish group to look at assurance, self-verification, management of change and safe isolation and reinstatement of plant.

Chris Flint noted that HSE felt industry response is positive, and that they have developed a document based on the industry response to the letter and on MSO audit findings.

Tommy Campbell asked what ESR involvement there had been to date. CF confirmed that the letter to dutyholders was copied to the relevant ESRs. TS advised that ESR involvement would be sought for the HCR workshop.

Andy Taylor noted that OPRED was looking at similar activity relating to ensure sharing of lessons learned and good practice, and requested further involvement in the HCRR programme.

Jake Molloy noted that an excellent resource relating to a 2003 incident had been developed, and it would be worth asking the operator involved to share it more widely.

It was agreed that there are many areas being progressed by various stakeholders, and that a co-ordinated approach would be critical to success.

Action 1 – TS to speak to the named operator about sharing lessons learned.

Action 2 – define ESR involvement in HCRR activities.

Action 3 – define the space for rapid sharing of information between regulator and duty holders.

b) Managing Fire Risk in Accommodation

TS advised that an industry task-finish group had been reformed to review the Oil and Gas Technical Note to address concerns raised by HSE.

c) Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels Availability

TS advised that a technical note, Operations Assessment During Emergency Response and Rescue Vessel Unavailability, is about to be issued.

d) SNS Operator Forum

It was highlighted that a non-safety focused SNS Operator group has been created, and may be a useful point of contact for areas including operational safety and decommissioning.

HSE and OGUK Decommissioning specialists to follow up in January.

e) Workforce Engagement

Bob Egan gave an update on the Workforce Engagement 2019 programme. An inspection guide has been published and rolled out to most inspectors, to support a consistent approach, and the enforcement approach defined for 2019. Most raised issues included working time, and concerns raised to ESRs around competence of other personnel in safety critical roles. 2018 inspection findings included: time, training and facilities, and patchy levels of inclusion in risk assessments and investigations.

JM said they had received reports with a similar sense of unease around the changes in workforce impacting on competence. TC highlighted similar reports around competence and certification, including multi-skilled roles advertised with lower than expected certification requirements.

ET highlighted SCiS activities in this area, including reinvigorating WEST and MAH awareness training, and SI 971 anniversary events planned for 2019.

Action 4 – TC to share email sent to the OCA re: competence and certification requirements in advertising

f) Decommissioning

HSE's new decommissioning focal point gave an overview of her role. The key focus is cross-regulator working with OPRED, OGA and SEPA – identifying and resolving conflicts in regulatory approach, and identifying gaps. JC advised of a plan to hold a workshop day with all decommissioning regulators and industry, identifying strategic issues and challenges. Role also linked in with other industry associations, including Decom Northsea and IMCA. Highlighted areas of focus include:

- new technology and what compliance looks like for that and new use of existing technology.
- Ensuring operators understand the changes in risk profile during process, e.g. HCR > vessel operations > occ health and safety. Five years out, when planning starts, it will be important to include occupational health and safety skills to be represented as well as technical safety.
- Managing transition phases and different workforces / workforce engagement. Safety Reps upskilled to assist.
- Clarifying regulatory expectations.

JM highlighted the importance of retaining lessons from completed decommissioning, and gave an example where assumed hydrocarbon free onshore decomm operations resulted in injury.

Similar to the offshore HCR focus, mechanism is needed to ensure quick sharing of information. Suggestion was made to hold an open discussion event with operators to share information. GS noted that the High Value Learning format may be useful.

Action 5 – GS to share template

g) High Value Learning

SCiS gave an update on the High Value Learning template, to encourage sharing of information without causing legal issues. Linked to Safe Space Learning, in which operators can share information about incidents quickly and effectively.

3. Committee Governance

- a) OMAHAC performance review
- b) Ways of Working and Terms of Reference

Consensus was that the group has valid purpose, which is strategic direction, not execution, and the existing quora is appropriate.

ToR and WOW Documents were reviewed and comments fed back for update.

Meeting Date: 17/12/2018

Author: K Meffen

Action 6: OGUK to consult OCA regarding attendance

Action 7: OGUK to revise and circulate documents for approval before next OMAHAC meeting.

4. AOAB

Action 5 – use the HCR list to drive the learning.

RB – catching up on the backlog.

Learning part needs to close that loop.

RB – joint report on what has been done since the letter etc – outlining general expectations on what this will look like from the regulator, the trade union and industry. Maybe a document that pulls it all together?

TS – post workshop we can agree this and document it.

JM – not an initiative, it's a programme, let's remember it's ongoing, not new.

ET – clarify roles and responsibilities under a vision.

Action 8 – HCR workshop to deliver the strategic alignment document.

Next meeting to be held May 2019. Agenda to include HCR vision and report and decommissioning update.

5. ACTIONS

Action 1	OGUK to follow up request to share incident findings from member.
Action 2	HCR group to define ESR involvement in HCR project.
Action 3	Provide update on the space for sharing information.
Action 4	UNITE to share background to concerns raised by members about recruitment advertising for skilled roles.
Action 5	SCiS to share High Value Learning template to assist with legal approval for incident sharing.
Action 6	OGUK to follow up with OCA re: attendance
Action 7	OGUK to circulate draft updated ToR and WoW documents
Action 8	Following HCR workshop, develop strategic alignment document.

Next Meetings/Events

Description	Date/Venue
Next meeting	May 2019 / OGUK