

Offshore Major Accident Hazards Advisory Committee		OMAHAC/MIN/1/2017	
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**Minutes of the Offshore Major Accident Hazards Advisory Committee  
Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at Lord Cullen House, Aberdeen**

**Present**

Chair Chris Flint HSE, Secretariat Dave Salmon HSE, Mick Borwell Oil & Gas UK, Derek Hart IADC, Andrew Taylor BEIS, Tommy Campbell Unite, Jake Molloy RMT, Howard Harte HSE, Katrina Ross BROA, and Ahsan Saleem HSE

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received from David Balston BROA, John Bradshaw IMCA, Richard Benzie IMCA, Wendy Kennedy BEIS, Gavin Sutherland IADC, Bryan Monson HSENI, Les Linklater Step Change and Paul Wilkins MCA

**1. Introductions**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to this the third meeting of the Offshore Major Accident Hazards Advisory Committee (OMAHAC).

## Outstanding Actions from the OMAHAC meeting 1 December 2016

1.2 The following Actions were recorded:-

		Status
1 Dec. 16	O&GUK's Major Accident Hazard Management Forum set up a task group to establish the scale of the problems associated with offshore deluge systems, and report back to OMAHAC on its findings and possible solutions.	<b>O&amp;GUK reported that this had been taken to the Verification and Assurance group rather than the MAH Forum. This is not a major issue and only affects one or two of their members. HSE was unable to attend the meeting and O&amp;GUK asked if HSE could identify with the verifiers where there might be a problem. RMT stated that safety reps and safety committees lack understanding of verification reports and most do not have access to them. The majority of installations have replaced pipework. HSE to discuss with the verifiers, need to be able to provide reassurance. IADC advised that the situation had improved and much pipework has been replaced. RMT agreed to share information they had received. See Action 1 Jun. 2017</b>
2 Dec. 16	HSE to report to the All Party Parliamentary Fire and Rescue Group confirming OMAHAC's discussions and the action being taken.	<b>Completed</b>
3 Dec. 16	HSE to share any further learnings arising from its recent analysis of HCRs, and determination of underlying causes, Dec 2016 with all parties	<b>Presentation well received and Step Change are about to publish their HCR toolkit and disseminate to the workforce. HSE will write to operators. There is potential for a webinar for the workforce and RMT will liaise with Bob Egan (HSE).</b>
4 Dec. 16	HSE and O&GUK to discuss arrangements for ensuring the	<b>O&amp;GUK advised that MSO inspections are discussed</b>

	health of operational control barriers	<b>at their board meetings and a new safety award for operators had been established for operational control barriers</b>
5 Dec. 16	Step Change to review and update their HCR reduction toolkit and update their guidance as necessary.	<b>Publication is imminent</b>
6 Dec. 16	HSE to finalise its Inspection Programme guidance and share it with industry for comment before final publication in 2017	<b>Outstanding. HSE will circulate to members for comment.</b>
7 Dec. 16	The Secretary to circulate the OSDR presentation to members.	<b>Completed</b>
8 Dec. 16	Russell Breen and Melanie Taylor (HSE) to consider the Step Change MAH training and the OPITO modules to see if they remain relevant and report their findings to OMAHAC.	<b>The Step Change training and OPITO modules are relevant to the aim of improving MAH risks and individuals contribution to this. Positive feedback from industry and events have been oversubscribed. HSE will circulate Melanie's note to members.</b>
9 Dec. 16	O&GUK to draft terms of reference for an enhanced Assurance and Verification network group to review the barriers preventing the take up of MAH training and report back to OMAHAC	<b>O&amp;GUK reported that the verifiers and HSE had been invited to a meeting to share the ToR.</b>
10 Dec. 16	All members to consult within their constituencies on the risk(s) to the industry from a cyber attack and report back to OMAHAC.	<b>IADC have invited John Pirie to present to their H&amp;S committee. IADC's Houston office has produced global guidance that can be purchased from their website. BROA advised that ISO standards include the need for protection and that there is a lot of guidance already out there. The requirement now is to review systems. O&amp;GUK advised that they should be able to give OMAHAC members a summary of the advice that their security committee receive. The issues are around business continuity rather than MAH. The risks are mainly from</b>

		<p>individuals. HSE stated that they are building capacity to support industry. O&amp;GUK noted that there was an issue getting information to cascade through operator's organisations. IADC noted that including cyber security in safety cases focussed minds. One IADC member intends to withdraw laptops and their staff will have to use desk tops. HSE guidance will be published shortly.</p>
11 Dec. 16	<p>John Pirie (HSE) and Les Linklater (Step Change) to publish an article in 'Tea Shack News' to highlight the issue of cyber attacks (to coincide with the publication of HSE's new guidance in 2017).</p>	<p><b>Outstanding</b></p>

**Action 1 Jun. 2017**

**O&GUK to set up a meeting between HSE and the verifiers. A separate meeting with operators to be held if necessary.**

**Minutes from the OMAHAC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

- 1.3 The minutes were circulated to members on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, comments were received from RMT and the revised minutes were subsequently approved without further change.
- 2. ON77 Men and woman sharing cabins**
  - 2.1 Ahsan Saleem updated members on the background for the revision to ON77. Although this is not a major accident hazard, HSE wanted to ensure that members are aware of the reasons for the revision.
  - 2.2 HSE received a letter from an MP on behalf of a constituent who was being refused work offshore because of the legal requirement in the Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction etc.) Regulations 1996 to provide separate accommodation for men and women. Segregation by shift is not permissible. This regulation implements an EU Directive requirement, and HSE is unable to issue an exemption. Duty holders cannot segregate cabins by shifts. ON77 has been revised to make it more explicit and remind duty holders of their duties under the Equality Act 2015. This was a pragmatic approach from HSE.
  - 2.3 Unite noted that transgender issues also require a pragmatic approach. RMT reported that there had been a positive response to ON77. IADC did not see this as a current issue.

**Action 2 Jun. 2017**

**HSE to circulate the draft ON to members prior to publication.**

### **3. Proposed CAA Membership**

- 3.1 Chris Flint explained that following a meeting between the HSE Chair and his counterpart at the CAA the issue of CAA membership of OMAHAC was raised.
- 3.2 Step Change had commented prior to this meeting that marine contractors are not part of OHSLG. O&GUK'S view is that there is no locus within OMAHAC's terms of reference for CAA membership. BROA advised that they had no forum for them to raise issues. RMT and Unite could not see a role for the CAA at OMAHAC but Unite suggested that CAA could be invited to meetings if issues arise and this was agreed by the members.

**Action 3 Jan. 2017**

**Chris Flint to speak to Richard Judge (HSE) and inform him of OMAHAC's view.**

### **4. The Offshore Safety Directive Regulator (OSDR) – The Competent Authority**

- 4.1 Andy Taylor (BEIS) provided members with an update on the Competent Authority's (CA) activities. The key highlights are summarised below:-
- 173 safety cases have been accepted and a further 83 are ongoing or pending
  - 270 OPEPS received (2016-17)
  - First phase of the OSDR portal for safety cases, thorough reviews and material changes has been completed – training for CA staff June to September, and industry in September. Go live expected early October
  - Phase 2 for notifications is under development and due to go live end of 2017
  - First report (for 2016) made to EC
- 4.2 Chris Flint welcomed feedback from industry on the performance of the CA and advised that constant feedback was preferable to waiting to be asked. Feedback from the trade unions was also welcome. IADC said that pre-planning between HSE/BEIS inspectors could be improved as questions were being repeated. OSDR should agree agenda and topics. Communications with Operator and Contractor needed improvement as sometimes only one being informed. Timeliness of written communications needs improvement. They had received good and bad feedback from operators and marine contractors. OSDR agreed to look into this along with other issues they were looking to improve and to provide feedback.

**Action 4 Jan. 2017**

**OSDR to look into communications with Operators and contractors and provide feedback to OMAHAC on this, and other issues they are looking to improve.**

- 4.3 IADC reported that the EU are planning to review the OSDR directive in 2019, and do HSE know how this will be carried out? Oil spill liability is of concern to BROA and IADC. The timing of Brexit could impact on the implementation of any

recommendations from the review. Post-Brexit the UK could have observer status at the EU Offshore Authorities Group, and NSOAF would like the UK to remain as a member if possible.

## 5. Energy Division Strategy

- 5.1 Chris Flint summarised the ED Offshore strategy. The strategy has been informed by HSE's 5 Years Forward programme and ED's sector plan. The drivers behind Managing Safe Operations (MSO) are still relevant and have resonance in the industry and HSE is keen to ensure that industry does not repeat past mistakes. A further 6 MSO In-depth inspections are planned for 2017-18. HSE also wants to capture the work of stakeholders that contributes to the MSO work. There will be further discussion of the strategy at Step Change.

## 6. Any other business

### OMAHAC administration

- 6.1 O&GUK noted that they need the draft agenda and papers two weeks in advance of the meeting to allow time to circulate to their members.

### HCR Database

- 6.2 HCR data quality has declined and there is a need to resolve the issue of replacing the current database. Chris Flint advised that cost is an issue for HSE as part of living within our means. A meeting is to be held next Monday and options could be put to OMAHAC.

**Action 3 Jan. 2017                      Add status of HCR database as a standing agenda item for future meetings**

### PED/ATEX/MD

- 6.3 The Commission is not proposing any changes to PED, ATEX or the Machinery Directive (MD) in the short term. HSE expects the MD to be revised in the next 2-3 years; as part of that work, the Commission will consider its scope and application; there will be consultation on any proposals for revision, which will allow interested parties to comment and make suggestions; extension offshore/to MODUs etc will be one of the things considered, along with issues such as nanotechnology, drones, robotics etc. Any revisions to PED and ATEX, will probably take place once the MD has been revised – as there is a synergy between the product directives.

### The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocation) Regulations.

- 6.4 HSE clarified that these regulations made minor corrections/clarifications to existing legislation and only two impact offshore.
- RIDDOR has been amended to align the reporting timescales for offshore dangerous occurrences to 10 days as originally intended when implementing the Offshore Safety Directive; and
  - The 2015 safety case regulations have been amended to clarify that production installations that have not commenced drilling or extracting

petroleum are excluded from the requirement for combined operations notifications.

#### Survey of helicopter passengers

- 6.5 HSE inspectors who travel by helicopter will be able to take part in the current industry survey of passengers.

#### Date of the next OMAHAC Meeting

- 6.6 The next meeting will be held in October / November 2017 on a date to be agreed, at Lord Cullen House, Aberdeen.