



Industry urges government to widen scope of 2012-2017 PEIS

Industry groups, including IADC, filed comments in late March urging the US government to reconsider its decision to exclude the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and Mid- and South Atlantic planning areas from the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the 2012-2017 OCS Leasing Plan, as well as from the 2012-2017 program itself.

Keeping these areas out of the PEIS would keep them off limits to potential development until at least 2017 – a short-sighted move considering the increasing demand for energy.

Industry comments noted that includ-

ing these areas in the PEIS does not guarantee their inclusion in the final leasing program. However, an area must be analyzed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to be included in a five-year program. By including these areas in the PEIS, the federal government would benefit from having already performed the necessary environmental analyses if it decides to offer these areas for leasing during the 2012-2017 plan.

Further, the comments pointed out that industry supports environmentally responsible E&P in all offshore areas and has allotted substantial resources for

response preparedness in case of a well control event.

Industry also urged the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement and other agencies to ensure understanding of their roles in the Multi-sale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing Central and Western Gulf of Mexico lease sales for the 2012-2017 leasing program. They must also work to ensure they have sufficient financial and personnel resources to complete the EIS in a timely manner.

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Safety alerts

www.iadc.org/alerts.htm

Alert 11-08: Unsecured guard results in MTO.

Alert 11-09: Improperly mounted rig floor winch results in high-potential near-hit.

Alert 11-10: Improper use of sledgehammer results in a lost-time accident.

Reminders

- IADC Rig Moving Committee meeting, 18 May.
- IADC Land Operations Forum, 18 May, Houston.
- IADC Drilling Onshore Conference & Exhibition, 19 May, Houston.
- IADC Ethics & Corporate Compliance Committee meeting, 25 May, location TBA.
- IADC HSE Environmental Subcommittee meeting, 9 June, Houston.
- IADC UBO & MPD Committee 2Q11 meeting, 13-14 June, Copenhagen, Denmark.

IADC committed to safe industry worldwide

IADC president **Dr Lee Hunt** reiterated the association's commitment to lead the global drilling industry toward an enhanced and safe working environment, in a letter presented to the IADC Australasia Chapter at its annual general meeting in Perth, Australia, on 12 April.

"Our industry is under a level of scrutiny never seen before, not just in the Gulf of Mexico but worldwide. Our industry's highest priority is and has been continuous improvement in safety, on both personal and process levels, and IADC has a clear leadership role to play in this effort," Dr Hunt said.

One example is the IADC Health, Safety and Environment Case Guidelines, adopted around the world, which provide a framework to craft, document and verify sensible safety management

systems. The guidelines will be further enhanced by the Well Construction Interface Document (WCID), which was developed jointly by IADC and API and will be released as API Bulletin 97. The WCID was designed for use in the US Gulf but may be applied and benefit other regions such as Australia.

Dr Hunt also noted that the industry has embarked on a substantial building cycle for offshore and onshore rigs that incorporate state-of-the-art equipment to match advances in drilling and completion technologies.

"Providing properly trained crews for these rigs, which will be operating in every corner of the world, will be a significant challenge for the industry, and with continued support from IADC's membership, these IADC programs will be there to support those initiatives," he stated.

WellCAP Review Panel adds 2 members

John Breidenthal, Chevron Energy Technology Co, and Darryl Bourgoyne, Louisiana State University (LSU), were elected to the IADC WellCAP Review Panel in March 2011. Mr Breidenthal represents leasee/operator company interests, and Mr Bourgoyne brings an academic perspective to the panel.

Mr Breidenthal leads risk assessment efforts for Chevron's deepwater Gulf of Mexico projects and is involved in assessing drilling contractor well control competencies for offshore rig personnel in Nigeria. He is an approved WellCAP instructor and a certified facilitator for WellCAP Plus. Prior to his 30 years with Chevron, Mr Breidenthal worked with an independent operator and attended the US Naval Academy and the University of Kansas. He holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering.

Mr Bourgoyne, a 15-year employee of LSU, is director of the school's Petro-

leum Engineering Research and Technology Transfer Laboratory. He is currently researching managed pressure drilling, riser gas detection, dual density and well control training. He holds a US patent for Internal Riser Rotating Control Head (US Patent Number 6,470,975). Prior to joining LSU staff, Mr Bourgoyne was a drilling representative for Chevron in Lafayette, La.

Mr Breidenthal and Mr Bourgoyne join **Victor Fleming, Rowan Companies; Petar Radulovic, Diamond Offshore Drilling; and Mark Mazzella, BP**, on the panel. The WellCAP Review Panel is responsible for WellCAP and WellCAP Plus accreditation decisions, provides guidance to IADC staff on well control issues and recommends changes to WellCAP and WellCAP Plus accreditation criteria as needed.

For more information about the panel, contact **Brenda Kelly** at brenda.kelly@iadc.org.

IMO may address liability for offshore spills

At its April 2011 meeting, the IMO Legal Committee urged that an informal group, led by Indonesia, continue to examine issues related to the establishment of a new liability and compensation for oil pollution damage resulting from offshore oil exploration and exploitation.

The committee also recommended that the IMO's Council and the Assembly adopt an amendment to the organization's strategic direction to allow this matter to be considered formally and for the development of a new instru-

ment to be added to the committee's work program.

During committee discussion, one delegation forcefully objected to the IMO taking on this subject while two others expressed reservations. Numerous other delegations expressed support for the Indonesian proposal. IADC and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP) are participating in this group. For further information, contact **Alan Spackman** at ext 207 (alan.spackman@iadc.org).

Draft API RP 96 online for review, comments

API has initiated the balloting process for the first edition of API RP 96, Deepwater Well Design and Construction. The draft RP can be found online at <http://ballots.api.org/ecs/dpos/rp96-1st-ed-ballot1.pdf>. Comments on the draft RP will be accepted before 27

May and must be entered through API's web-based system. A users guide for the system can be found online at http://ballots.api.org/API_Ballot_System_Users_Guide.pdf. For details, contact **Alan Spackman** at ext 207 (alan.spackman@iadc.org).

IADC discusses bridging arrangements for safety cases at OGP workshop

IADC VP – offshore technical and regulatory affairs **Alan Spackman** was among speakers from **BP, Statoil** and others at the OGP Safety Committee Workshop held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 15 April. Mr Spackman provided an overview of the IADC HSE Case Guidelines, including recent updates that have been made, and urged national oil industry groups to develop bridging arrangements to assist the drilling industry in the implementation of safety cases.

In describing the IADC guidelines, Mr Spackman noted that, if followed, they provide a safety case acceptable to regulators and will reduce proliferation of differing approaches by new safety case adoptees. Late last year, the guidelines were updated to identify shortcomings related to bridging arrangements, particular risks of deepwater wells, and evaluation of routes to TSRs and evacuation systems. The guidelines remain under continual review to address other gaps as they may be identified.

With bridging arrangements, Mr Spackman noted they are either required or expected in areas where a safety case is required by regulation, but only high-level guidance (UK Step Change and OGP) is currently available internationally. IADC believes that the uncertainties regarding individual and mutual roles and responsibilities for the security, safety and protection of the environment must be clarified for each enterprise, Mr Spackman said.

IADC is supporting national and regional initiatives to develop guidance on bridging arrangements, such as the API-IADC Well Construction Interface Document. For details, contact **Alan Spackman** at ext 207 (alan.spackman@iadc.org).

World Drilling 2011, Copenhagen: 'Embracing Change, Creating Opportunities'

After a tumultuous year for the global drilling industry, the theme of the IADC World Drilling 2011 Conference & Exhibition – “Embracing Change, Creating Opportunities” – couldn’t be more fitting. The event, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 15-16 June, will address sweeping changes occurring in the well construction industry. With change comes opportunity, and industry experts will provide perspectives on where the opportunities may lie and their strategic implications for our industry.

Leaders from **Maersk Oil** and **Shell** will make keynote presentations, while

panels will address the industry’s path toward human-free drilling and the definition of a “new normal” in the post-Macondo world.

Other topics to be addressed include drilling data integration, downhole automated systems, deepwater BOPs, North American and European shale operations, emerging offshore markets, new-build performance and lifecycle control systems management.

More information about the program, as well as hotel and registration details, can be found on the IADC website at www.iadc.org.

IADC may take disciplinary action against non-responsive training providers

Training providers who have chosen not to respond to corrective/preventive actions from recent IADC site audits or who have only partially responded and resolved the issues will be given final notice to provide evidence of implementation of all corrective actions. IADC will take disciplinary action, including suspension and ultimately revocation of accreditation, against providers who choose not to fully comply with the corrective action requests. Disciplinary ac-

tion timelines will be determined by the severity of the nonconformity.

According to **Mark Denkowski**, managing director for the IADC Accreditation and Certification Department, “IADC is committed to maintaining accreditation programs of the highest standards. Accreditation staff will continue to take steps to ensure the integrity of the programs.”

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Rigs receive ASP certificates:

For certificates received since last LTI (in years):

COSL Drilling Pan-Pacific Ltd:

COSLFORCE (1);

Norton Energy Drilling LLC: Rig 1 (1);

Parker Drilling Co: Orlan Platform (6);

Saxon Energy Services: Rigs 21 (1), 129 (2), 146 (3);

Sinotharwa Drilling Co: Rigs ST-1 (4), ST-2 (4), ST-3 (4), ST-4 (3), ST-6 (2), ST-7 (2), ST-8 (2), ST-10 (2), ST-12 (2), ST-21 (3), ST-22 (4), ST-23 (2), ST-24 (2);

Songa Offshore: Songa Dee (2).

For certificates received since last recordable incident (in years):

Enasco: Enasco Rigs 87 (1), 100 (1), 105 (2);

Greatship (India) Ltd: Greatdrill Chetna (1);

KCA DEUTAG Drilling GMBH Russia: Rig T-392 (2);

KCA DEUTAG Drilling GMBH Spain: Rig T-46 (1);

Latshaw Drilling Co: Rig 7 (1);

Parker Drilling Co: Rig 221 (2).

AOF discusses FCPA/Bribery Act, Indonesian issues

IADC held its first Asia Operations Forum (AOF) and luncheon meeting of 2011 on 22 March in Singapore, providing a forum for the discussion of pressing issues in the Asia Pacific region, as well as an update of IADC activities.

The meeting featured two special presentations, the first on compliance with the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the UK Bribery Act, and the second on updates and developments on the cabotage issue and local content requirements in Indonesia.

For the first presentation, two guest speakers from **Hogan Lovells International Law Firm** discussed key provisions of the FCPA and Bribery Act, key differences between their requirements and practical advice on how companies operating outside the US and UK can avoid violations.

For the second presentation, **Hing Ming Wong, Transocean** country manager, Indonesia, provided updates on the legislative and regulatory problems in that country.

Also at the meeting, **Derek Morrow** was introduced as an industry affairs consultant retained by IADC to assist members with legislative and regulatory affairs in the region, such as the Indonesian cabotage and local content concerns. As an official designee of IADC, Mr Morrow will help the industry to work through these issues with the operator community and the Indonesian government.

IADC plans to hold the next AOF in November 2011 in conjunction with the IADC Critical Issues Asia Pacific Conference & Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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IADC Accreditation and Certification Department restructured

As part of a restructuring of the IADC Accreditation & Certification Department, **Mark Denkowski** has joined the association as the department's managing director. He will assume overall management responsibility for the unit, which has been restructured into functionalized areas of program development, customer service and quality assurance/quality control.

Mr Denkowski comes to IADC with a long history of industry experience and involvement with IADC conferences and activities. Most recently, he was training & development manager for **Frontier**

Drilling. Prior to that, he worked for **Transocean** following its merger with his long-time employer, **GlobalSantaFe**. That followed several years of international rig-based experience for **Smedvig Asia Offshore Drilling**. He can be reached at ext 229 (mark.denkowski@iadc.org).

Among the functional areas within the department, **Brenda Kelly** will head up the program development function, having assumed the new title of senior director – program development. In this capacity, she will focus on developing, updating and maintaining program

documents and other instruments associated with IADC's competency and accreditation programs.

Elfriede Neidert, quality control/quality assurance coordinator, will continue to head up this function, which is responsible for scheduling and following up on training provider audits, as well as overseeing the department's ISO-certified quality management systems.

The customer service function will consist of **Marlene Diaz** as team leader – accreditation, and accreditation coordinators **Loundia Riggs**, **Janet Lara**, **Julia Swindle** and **Sherri Johnson**.

IADC welcomes 35 new members

- **Amphenol Industrial**, Sidney, NY;
- **Amphion Alliance Corp**, Houston, Texas;
- **Argo International**, Houston, Texas;
- **Carlsbad Insurance Agency**, Carlsbad, N.M.;
- **Chalmers, Collins & Alwell Inc**, Lafayette, La.;
- **Claxton**, Norfolk, UK;
- **Connector and Cable Specialties LLC**, Friendswood, Texas;
- **Curmar SA de CV**, Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, Mexico;
- **Deepwater Drilling & Services Pvt Ltd**, New Delhi, India;
- **Energyray Integrated Services Ltd**,

Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria;

- **Excel Driver Services**, Arvada, Colo.;
- **Fabenco Inc**, Houston, Texas;
- **Frank Crystal & Co**, Houston, Texas;
- **Geodesic AS**, Andebu, Norway;
- **Greene, Tweed & Co**, Houston, Texas;
- **H.A.D. Inc**, Rittman, Ohio;
- **KB Associates Pte Ltd/KBA Training Centre Pte Ltd**, Singapore;
- **Licensed to Drill Pty Ltd**, Australia;
- **Life Line Technologies LLC DBA Xtreme MD**, Lafayette, La.;
- **Maheshwari Mining Private Ltd**, Raniganj, West Bengal, India;
- **McDermott International**, Houston, Texas;
- **Open Joint Stock Company Drilling**

Company 'Burkos', Poltava, Ukraine;

- **Pariveda Solutions**, Houston, Texas;
- **Petrogroup Training and Consulting**, Bogota, Cundinamarca, Colombia;
- **Pistol Drilling LLC**, Woodward, Okla.;
- **PT GEO LINK NUSANTARA**, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia;
- **PT GEO PUTERA PERKASA**, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia;
- **Re-Cal Services Inc**, Palestine, Texas;
- **SC Oilfields & Logistics SDN BHD**, Negara Brunei Darussalam, Brunei;
- **Stauber Drilling Inc**, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada;
- **Techno Canada Inc**, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada;
- **The Nanosteel Company Inc**, Providence, Rhode Island;
- **The Oil Consultants**, Amman, Jordan;
- **Uniterm Nigeria Ltd**, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria;
- **Wright's Well Control Services**, Humble, Texas.

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