



WellCAP®

IADC WELL CONTROL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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This bulletin is issued to all schools which are accredited or are now in the process of completing an Application for Accreditation.

IADC/IWCF ALLIANCE

The IADC Board of Directors has approved an operating agreement forming the International Alliance for Well Control. This is a joint effort designed to harmonize IADC's WellCAP training standard with the International Well Control Forum's certification standard

Schools wishing to participate in the joint program will be able to, upon approval, waive the WellCAP testing requirements in order to conclude a course with the IWCF drilling examination. Please contact IADC if you have any questions or if you need further information. (To participate, a school must be a fully-accredited WellCAP institution and an approved IWCF assessment center).

The joint program will be voluntary. Both IADC and IWCF will maintain their separate identities and will continue to administer their respective programs under the joint effort.

The agreement will tie the Fundamental and Supervisory levels of WellCAP curriculum to the IWCF Driller and Supervisor examinations, respectively. (The Introductory level of WellCAP is not included in the joint program).

The joint program will initially apply only to drilling well control courses. It has not yet been determined how schools that offer a combined WellCAP drilling/completion/workover course will be handled under the agreement.

Some modifications to the IADC WellCAP drilling curriculum guidelines (Form WCT-2D) may be forthcoming in the next few months as a result of the harmonization process. Although it is anticipated that the joint effort will be formally launched in June, under WellCAP procedures all accredited institutions will be provided a period of six months to introduce any required changes into their existing programs.

The enclosed Executive Summary provides other information concerning the operating agreement. Additional details regarding the operation of the joint program will be provided to all WellCAP schools as they develop.