



NOPSA presentation

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...a bit about NOPSA

- A new single, Commonwealth authority , responsible for the regulation of health & safety offshore.
- Our mission is to deliver world class regulation for the offshore petroleum industry.



...how we see ourselves

- Regulatory authority – so we rely on the regulations
- Enforce the law, but help people to comply
- Hold ourselves to the standards we expect of others
- Fair, consistent, transparent
- Ethical & credible





...how others see us

- Initial impressions...
- Liaison with APPEA
- Communication with IADC
- More meetings with contractors
- Report to our Board & to Ministers





...what are we going to do different

- **It's a difference in approach rather than in actual content**
- **Better able to do our work due to critical mass, industry funding, etc.**
- **Plan to get out and about more often**
- **Hope to be more transparent**
- **Independent of risk assessment activities, and investigations**



...how does this apply to Drilling Industry

- “Duties of Operator” issue is a big initial challenge
- Emphasis on dealing with people who operate the facilities
- Dedicated inspectors assigned to drilling operations
- More rig visits – planned inspections
- Unlikely to participate in Hazid sessions



...short term objectives

- Familiarisation visits
- Comparison on Industry practice
- Competence of regulators
- Follow up on Alerts





...longer term objectives

- Influence behaviour, such that health & safety outcomes are improved
- Reduce the regulatory burden on the Industry by delivering a consistent & comprehensive regime
- To work with Industry to ensure all risks are properly managed



...current issues

- “Duties of Operator” clause
- Man-riding operations
- Control of SIMOPS
- Jacking up



...future issues

- Competency – quote from Queensland Coroner
- Key National Initiatives - examples
- Validation – for well testing. Seeking comment
- Safety cases & safety case assessment
- Management of service company personnel offshore – *careful choice of words*



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Links etc.

- For a copy of the Cost Recovery Impact Statement - http://www.industry.gov.au/assets/documents/itrinternet/NOPSA_CRIS_Certified20041115110334.pdf?CFID=3559956&CFTOKEN=35277653
- For a copy of the new Safety Case Guidelines – go to NOPSA website and follow the link to download – beware – it is 190 pages
nopsa.gov.au/safety.html
- For Commonwealth law – go to comlaw.gov.au
- For copies of State Government legislation – contact the existing Designated Authority



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- Reporting requirements remain the same
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