



## SafeGulf Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To assist industry in the development and monitoring of training and security minimum protocols  
for the Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas operator and contractor community.*

Date:	7 January 2015	Host:	ExxonMobil
Time:	Noon to 3 PM	Scribe:	Patty Tydings
Place:	Houston, TX	Timekeeper:	Alexis Vitone

### **Attendees:**

Alexis Vitone, BP, SafeGulf Chairperson	Gary LoPiccolo, Dynamic Energy
Terry Wingate, ExxonMobil	Patty Tydings, IADC
Scott Arnold, ExxonMobil	Wendell Cheek, Chevron
Jim Gunter, Gulf Coast Safety and Training Group	Chuck Simpson, York
Sarah Branch, OMSA	Alma Roberts, IADC
Lisa Spears, PEC	Rosa Frias, IADC
	Mac Shavers, Murphy Oil

Alexis Vitone called the meeting to order and reviewed the antitrust guidelines.

Linda Head presented the following information: There will be a meeting about the new training rig on Feb 17 from 11-1 at Lone Star College at University Park at Hewett Packard Campus . . . Email Linda (lhead@lonestar.edu) if you want to attend.

### **Safety Moment**

Gabe DeGabrielle provided a safety moment about remembering safety when you are at home. He had his first aid kit with him at a Christmas party where someone was injured, and he was able to help.

Ms. Vitone provided a safety moment about her family believing her mother was having a seizure when they thought she was having a stroke. Ms. Vitone was able to use her EMT training. The seizure was caused by medication.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were distributed in mid-December. The attendees motioned and seconded to accept the minutes. PEC will post them on the website.

### **Training Numbers**

IADC added 2,053 additional trainees since the last report. Total 54,425 people trained.

PEC has trained a total of 33,367, which is up 7,220 since the last report.

Attendees discussed the fact that the offshore industry has not yet been much affected by the price of oil, but the land workers have been affected.

### **Issues with Instructors**

IADC reported no instructor-specific issues, but they did have to revoke some accreditations because the training provider had not updated curriculum.

PEC suspended three instructors for various reasons.

Note: OSHA accepts SafeLand in general as an orientation. One attendee asked about the relationship between these orientations and the regulatory bodies.

Alexis asked if the accrediting organizations have communicated with training providers about the changes. Alma Roberts said that RigPass will still include all the required topics. PEC reported that they will not be communicating to their training providers until the final draft is complete.

### **Operator Report**

Mac Shavers reported that his company (Murphy Oil) requires all employees to have SafeGulf training. On the land side, they send employees to RigPass, but he doesn't know what else they receive in terms of orientation. Murphy also provides some specialty training (PPE, HAZCOM) and brings in vendors in addition to onsite orientation and training. Training is already in the budget for 2015. Their LMS should be implemented in 2015 also. Their company-specific awareness training (orientation) will become CBT.

Ms. Vitone asked Mr. Shavers if their internal programs will change based on our efforts with SafeGulf, and he said probably not.

Terry Wingate (ExxonMobil) says there is no change to their SafeGulf requirement, but as of 2015 they are requiring SafeLand. Their employees in California's offshore facilities will be trained on SafeGulf starting on 1 March 2015.

The companies represented report that the price of oil has affected them but that they have not had to lay off anyone. They are adjusting employees to other facilities or other positions rather than laying them off. They are cutting back on travel. Employees who leave are not necessarily being replaced. They

are reducing facility costs, etc. They are also looking at diversifying in the future and avoiding any layoffs.

Mike Farris (Anadarko) reports that nothing is changing for them. Employees are not required to take SafeGulf because their baseline training includes that information. They are going to wait until the SG curriculum revision is complete before making any changes to their requirements for contractors. Concerning HUET refreshers, Anadarko set up a modified HUET Refresher where they complete everything except the underwater inversion if the employee has physical conditions that are aggravated by underwater immersion. Typically this has been veteran workers who have been through the class numerous times. They have had employees refuse to retake the course, so they adjusted their policy. They do not mandate SafeGulf, but they mandate an orientation.

Alexis Vitone (representing BP) says BP continues to endorse SG. However, they have changed their offshore travel policy to no longer include License to Go Offshore as of Feb 2, 2015. A new training module will be available beginning Feb 2, 2015 on the BP external Website and through ISN, plus DVDs will be made available on an as needed basis. All personnel will also be required to complete an onsite orientation when they arrive on the assets operated by BP. Those who have completed the License to Go Offshore do not need to complete this new module and there is no refresher requirement. Training in general is being managed more efficiently, so employees cannot decide to do some training without authorization to do so.

York Industries (Charles Simpson) reported on some current requirements he has learned about from European organizations. He also reports that safety specialists on land rigs are being laid off. Mr. Shavers (now with Murphy) reported that he worked as a safety consultant at companies previously and that hiring a safety consultant/contractor rather than using a fulltime employee has been saving money for these companies. That also allows these companies to ensure the quality of an employee before hiring them fulltime.

#### Ancillary Discussion:

Discussion about Changing the Name of SafeGulf: We believe it is not a part of our job to decide if the name SafeGulf needs to be changed. Operators can weigh in on this option.

### **Curriculum Committee Report**

Our goal is to finish the curriculum recommendations in Q1.

Patty Tydings reviewed with the group the decisions that had been made by the Curriculum Committee in their meeting that morning. This information will be provided in a separate document.

### **Next Meetings**

Next meeting: Feb 11 Curriculum Committee at York Services in Lafayette from 8 - noon.

Feb 26 Board meeting at Murphy Oil from 10 – 1.

API T-1 meeting next Wednesday (1/14) at Anadarko 10 – 2.