



Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability: Implementation Update

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Overview

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and its offshore operator members, released [*Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability: A Continuous Improvement Plan*](#) in February 2020, outlining steps for safety and environmental performance improvements for offshore Newfoundland and Labrador.

Our members are committed to continuing our collaborative efforts to enhance safety and environmental performance. We recognize the ultimate demonstration of this commitment is to deliver results. We remain committed to achieving our vision of becoming the safest and most environmentally responsible offshore operating jurisdiction in the world.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis that began in mid-March, CAPP reprioritized aspects of the plan to provide an enhanced collaborative approach and structure. Numerous work plan actions were introduced and a strategy was put in place to ensure work plan items are completed by Q3/Q4 2020.



COVID-19 Response

The pandemic crisis tested the plan's collaborative structure among operators, the contractor community, and between operators and governments / regulators to ensure safety of the offshore workforce. For example, special protection measures were put in place for helicopter and supply vessel travel and for offshore facilities. Operators communicated daily and shared plans and practices. Best practices were identified and adopted as the crisis unfolded. To date, no positive COVID cases have been identified offshore.

Focus Areas: Implementing Actions from the Plan

To date, the following key activities were undertaken:

- Via a series of workshops, collaborated with the contractor community to identify opportunities for alignment and improvement in how operators and contractors work together. A five-workshop plan is underway focusing on various themes:
 - + **Workshop 1** (Complete) – Rollout of workshop themes, feedback and initial engagement (pilot workshop)
 - + **Workshop 2** (Complete) – Current practices and improvement opportunities
 - + **Workshop 3** (To be completed 22 July 2020) – Tracking safety indicators and improvement opportunities
 - + **Workshop 4** (Planned for Q3) – Weak signals and alarms
 - + **Workshop 5** (Planned for Q4) – Lifesaving rules
 - + **Post-workshops** – Identify potential gaps and improvement opportunities
- Enhanced training, learning and sharing information between operators and contractors to continue cultivating a culture of risk identification and mitigation, including developing a charter and establishing a process safety working group.

- Evaluated a test case to determine additional simulation training opportunities to enhance skills and competencies for coxswain training. Other simulation training opportunities are being considered.
- Awarded a contract to conduct an assessment of local spill response capability and implement relevant learnings. Expected completion in September 2020.
- Established a working group to evaluate enhanced subsea leak detection and monitoring technology and international best practices. Recommendations expected by Q4 2020.
- Through [One Ocean](#), advanced progress on working with the fishing industry to improve communication related to spill response and map the compensation process for fishers in relation to spill response. A workshop is planned to identify improvement areas, likely in Q4 2020.
- Developed a draft guidance document to consolidate best practices and formalize industry efforts on adverse weather protocols.
- Advanced work to establish training requirements for marine mammal observers and worked with regulators and governments to enhance training for seabird observers. Guidelines are in development.
- Implemented an enhanced structure and governance model for collaboration and sharing information related to lessons learned. A workshop is planned in Q3 2020 to identify further enhancements.
- Plans are underway to progress work in Q3/Q4 in these focus areas:
 - + Collaborate on research related to spill response and offshore emissions reductions, including identifying opportunities for further reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on offshore facilities.
 - + Improve understanding of the perception of safety culture among the workforce and identify key trends/opportunities.



CAPP and its offshore members remain committed to achieving the objectives outlined in the action plan. Progress has been a truly collaborative effort with all members providing resources to progress action plan priorities as we work to achieve our vision of becoming the safest and most environmentally responsible offshore oil and natural gas operating region in the world.