

# Well Control Committee

## Meeting Minutes



27 October 2022

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### Well Sharp/IADC Regional Engagement - Jim

- **Recap of IADC attendance at Guyana Basin Summit**
  - Joint association engagement of Oil Spill Response & Preparedness presentation modules delivered to GBS audience
  - Recognized opportunity for IADC support of potential stakeholder training opportunities for industry and regulator workforces
  - Future engagement of joint association effort consisting of IADC, IOGP, IPIECA, API, & ARPEL

### Open Discussion on Events and/or Trends - Santo

- **MPD Operations and Workforce**
  - Field observations of MPD incidences
  - More awareness & instruction on the fundamentals required
  - Communication of operational priorities between rig crews and company-man require clarity
  - Mention was made of need for “drilling 101” course

### Subcommittee Updates – Santo

- **SCRs** - Discussion alignment on best practices
  - Work is in progress to finish proposal for recommended addendums
- **Training platform Improvement(s)**
  - Well Sharp Test Question initiative continues

### Goals for 2023

- **Technical Issues**
    - Procedure for shut-in while drilling
    - Ballooning
      - Standard response methods vary
      - The question of the need for further training persists
    - Further consideration necessary for MPD & Well Control Committee overlap
    - Need to update IADC Kill Sheets from 1994 version
    - Consider MGS affects of H2S
  - **Training Improvements**
    - Expand Question Review
    - Review Curriculum
    - Trip sheet content
    - Consider additional MPD content for all training/instruction delivery
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## 2023 Well Control Committee Meeting Schedule

- **January 24**
- **May 17**
- **August 21** (in New Orleans in conjunction with the Well Control Conference of the Americas)
- **October 31**

### Event Sharing – Group Discussion

- Topics discussion:
    - **MPD Well Control Events** - A trend is seemingly emerging where rig crews may be erroneously exercising rig floor operational decisions apart from established on site processes when crews are engaged in MPD operations. The added element of well bore pressure present as a condition of normal operations appears to induce a perception for the need to account for additional variables in a manner not consistent with standing processes. As well bore anomalies may occur, crews may be attempting to exercise conditional assessments apart from predefined procedural elements. This discussion item concluded with agreement that further consideration of such circumstances was necessary. It was suggested that this discussion item be taken up by the Well Sharp advisory panel to further assess the exigency of this issue.
    - **Evolving CoS Well Control Considerations** - Julia Fitzgerald of API's Center for Offshore Safety (CoS) described the current state of CoS' Well Control Committee as being "inactive". Her point to bring this item to the attention of the committee was to highlight a CoS presumption that concerns related to well control considerations rested substantially within the remit of IADC and, consequently, that continuing to maintain a Well Control Committee within CoS has become a less significant priority. Further discussion on this point resulted in the suggestion that Jim and Julia follow up this discussion with a more detailed objective for establishing complimentary expectations where CoS and IADC consider a more active collaborative framework upon which more consistency between operators and contractors may be achieved.
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