

NWEA Guidelines, V3

Review Update



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Objectives (Reminder)

- To be recognised as foremost guidelines for offshore marine operations
- Repository of knowledge & experience
 - Incorporating all lessons learned from experience / incidents / etc.
 - (Must therefore be considered as “live” document)
- (Basis for) Marine Manual for some Organisations
- Empowerment of vessel personnel

Expressions of Interest

- Australian Marine Safety Authority
 - Intends to use as reference
 - Would prefer stronger wording
- Gulf of Mexico
 - Extensive use will be made of document in preparing new standards for GoM
 - Likely to be “American Edition”
 - May be endorsed by USCG.
- OGP, OCIMF, IMCA
 - All have expressed interest in revision process
- MTS (??)

Drivers for Changes

- Inconsistencies in Recommended Practices
 - Numerous inconsistencies in recommended practices exist throughout current document
 - Remove options for “Cherry Picking” in guidance / recommendations / best practice
- Inconsistencies in Style / Formatting
 - Cross referencing made difficult
 - Feed-back indicates that vessels value specific issues being referenced in any correspondence
- Ensuring alignment with International / Industry Standards / Guidance
 - Avoidance of any “re-inventing of the wheel”
 - Only fully peer reviewed or similar guidance will be referenced
- International Acceptance

Changes (1)

- Extensive Re-Structuring
 - General information / guidelines to be at front
 - Extensive use of external reference material
 - Must be subject to appropriate peer review
 - Wherever possible to follow progress of typical support voyage to / from offshore installation
 - Seen to be relevant for most types of vessel
 - Document and appendices to be re-ordered accordingly

Changes (2)

- Extensive Re-Formatting
 - Consistent numbering system to be introduced
 - To aid referencing document
 - Remove icons
 - Expensive and difficult for future editing
 - Value uncertain
 - Every effort to be made to remove country-specific appendices
 - Requirement for Charterers / Owners / Managers to understand and comply with any local or country-specific regulations, codes, guidelines, etc. to be included
 - Assist in promoting / using on an international basis

Changes (3)

- Changes in Emphasis on Some Topics
 - Based on feed-back from review team members
 - Feed-back from others welcomed either now or through review process
 - Wherever possible topics will be generic
- Industry Concerns which may be addressed
 - Following OGP MSC Meeting
 - Carriage of MEOH on OSV's
 - Carriage of bulk cargoes on OSV's
 - Check List for Installation prior to vessel entering safety zone
 - "Right Sizing" of vessels when chartering
 - With particular reference to large anchor handlers for shallow-water operations

Review Schedule, Process

- Availability of First Draft for review / comment
 - Currently working with view to be circulated around end Q1 / 2011
 - Subject to extent of changes
 - May be in “raw” format
 - Content and structure generally in place but not re-styled
- Review Schedule
 - Likely to be some months
 - Global range of consultees
- Feed-back Process
 - Work in progress by Steering Group
 - Contributions from this Group relating to feed-back process most welcome

Support Services, Etc.

- Secretarial Support, File Sharing Site
 - Supported by OLF
- Technical Author (Required, Outstanding)
 - To review current document
 - To advise on style and format of new document
 - To implement when agreed
 - To consult with SG frequently as work progresses
- Financial / Budgetary Support
 - .Some progress being made

Document Format (Revisited)

- Paper-based & electronic format
 - Both likely to be required
 - If possible electronic version to include active links
 - Electronic version will include “ **Uncontrolled When Printed** ” watermark
 - Slow internet access may limit functionality
- Links to other sources ??
 - Probably include links to general industry / international sites.
 - To promote international acceptability

Other Matters

- Document Authority
 - General preference for increase in document authority
 - May be achieved by substituting “Best Practice” for “Guidelines”
 - May require legal opinion
- Document Name / Title
 - Most recent feed-back indicates preference for title indicating more international nature
 - “Offshore Marine Operations, Best Practice” ?? – or other suggestions welcome.
 - Will include explanatory note to effect that this will supersede / replace existing document
 - However, current standards **WILL NOT** be diluted to promote international acceptability
- Document Status
 - New Document or Revision ??
- Publicity / Roll – Outs
 - Needs to get out to the widest audience of potential users
 - Which forums / media will best facilitate this ??
 - Step Change / Offshore Europe
 - Take lessons O&G UK Cargo Handling Guidelines ??

Concerns

- Participation by some Members
 - To be addressed at next SG meeting
 - Likely to review SG make-up
 - May require some additional / replacement resources
- WG1 Progress
 - Work group re-structured
 - Will require resources / special focus
- Document Owners and Sponsors
 - Unclear – clarification being sought
 - Logos of sponsors on title page ??
- Different local expectations / interpretations
 - Beyond control / scope of the review group
 - Must be taken into account in review / editing process

Over to the floor ??

