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Dear Co-Chairs,

**Subject: Board Charge to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area  
Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council – Basic Survival Training Sea Day**

I write on behalf of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (the Board) to convey a Board Charge to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council (the Council) regarding proposed changes to the Basic Survival Training (BST) sea-day.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) Training and Qualifications Committee (TQC) supports and oversees the “Atlantic Canada Offshore Petroleum Standard Practice for the Training and Qualifications of Offshore Personnel”. Operators and employers have been directed by the Chief Safety Officers (CSO) of the C-NLOPB and Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) to adopt this standard as a Code of Practice, Chapter 2 of which sets out details associated with BST and BSTr (recurrent every three years), including the sea-day training components. Changes to the Code of Practice require approval by the CSOs prior to adoption.

In 2019, the TQC submitted a recommendation to the CSOs to conduct BST and BSTr sea-days in a simulated pool environment (please refer to Annex A). The CSOs responded that the TQC needed to undertake additional engagement with the offshore workforce and provide additional information before the matter could be given further consideration (please refer to Annex B). In November 2021, the TQC wrote to the CSOs with additional information to support the recommendation (please refer to Annex C).

The C-NLOPB CSO concurs with the recommendation that training providers be given the option to conduct sea-day exercises in the environmental pool, at sea, or a combination thereof, as it applies to BST(r) but has not accepted the recommendation for initial BST for new entrants to the industry (please refer to Annexes D and E). The CNSOPB CSO accepts the recommendation to move forward with the option for a fully simulated sea-day for both BST and BSTr (please refer to Annex F). The TQC is currently updating the Code of Practice for the BSTr to include a simulated pool environment sea-day (please refer to Annex G).

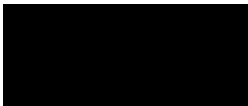
The provision of advice with respect to BST quality and fidelity is within the mandate of the Council. Sub-sections 205.013(j)(k) and 205.019(i)(j) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* (federal version cited) require operators and employers to provide employees and other individuals at the workplace with the training required for the proper use of all personal protective equipment and the instruction, training and supervision necessary for health and safety.

Accordingly, and upon recommendation by the C-NLOPB CSO, the Board requests that the Council review the information provided in the attached Annexes and provide advice and recommendations regarding the quality and fidelity of conducting the BST sea-day training in a simulated pool environment to meet training and competency requirements in the Code of Practice.

Please note that the Board and Council Co-Chairs must agree on an appropriate scope of work, work plan, budget and schedule for the provision of this advice within three months of initiating this Board Charge, and prior to any work being undertaken. Paul Alexander, the C-NLOPB CSO, can act as liaison in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,



Roger Grimes  
Chair

c.           The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, P.C., M.P.  
              The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.  
              The Honourable Andrew Parsons QC, MHA  
              The Honourable Sarah Stoodley, MHA

Attach.     Annexes A-G