

Helicopter Operations Safety Committee (HOSC) Minutes of Meeting – April 16, 2014

Location: Marine Institute - Offshore Safety and Survival Centre (OSSC) – Foxtrap, NL

Attendees:

Don Williams (Husky – Operator rep) – Chair
Ray Dalton (Suncor – Operator rep) – Deputy Chair
Matthew Hawco (C-NLOPB)
Peter McKeage (C-NLOPB rep) – *via teleconference*
Alistair Mellis (Statoil – Operator rep)
Ronnie Moores (Cougar Helicopters – pilot rep)
John Whelan (Hibernia – workforce rep)
Craig Williams (Terra Nova FPSO – workforce rep)
Mark Williams (Chevron – Operator rep)
Robert Normore (C-NSOPB – Observer)
Dennis Ricard (HMDC – Operator rep)
Andrea Gruchy (Husky – Administrator)

Guests:

Dr. Michael Taber (Falck Safety Services)
Fred Anstey (Marine Institute OSSC) – *attended a portion of the meeting*

Decisions and Actions are in bold type

The meeting took place at Marine Institute Offshore Safety and Survival Centre (OSSC). Some HOSC members toured a portion of the facility after the meeting and participated in a mock flight in the new helicopter simulator.

1. Falck Safety Services Update

Michael Taber, Senior Research Scientist with Falck Safety Services attended the meeting to review methodology and preliminary results from the Post-Egress Survival Study. The study was completed with representatives from OSSC, ExxonMobil, Suncor, Husky and C-NLOPB. In total, 42 individuals participated; the first trial was completed in light and the second in semi-dark. Results of the study were reviewed but will not be released at this time.

The HUEBA study was also discussed. The abstract of the study is available on the PRNL webpage.

Dr. Taber will attend another meeting later in 2014 to discuss new and ongoing initiatives. It was decided that representatives from PRNL would be invited to a meeting later this year as well to provide an overview of their processes and current research.

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2. Work Refusal Update – January 16, 2013

Ray Dalton presented on the work refusal last year (refusal to fly without meal provision). On January 16, 2013, three employees scheduled to fly to the Terra Nova FPSO refused to fly while at the heli-port because a meal was not provided. The matter was resolved the instant the employees were provided a meal. It was recommended by the C-NLOPB that Suncor implement a protocol for employees to follow when they exercise their right to refuse. This was discussed at the meeting; it was agreed that a coordinated procedure should be created for third party locations such as Cougar and A. Harvey Marine Base. **This will be added to the action log.**

3. Action Log

The action log was not reviewed at this meeting due to time restraints. **Andrea will forward the log to all for feedback. Please review and forward comments. As well, Don is modifying the format of the action log. Changes will be tabled at the next HOSC meeting.**

4. Cougar Update

Simulator tour update: the tour may take place in September pending results of RFP.

Stats and Cougar Customer Flight Notifications were not discussed; an update will be presented at the May meeting.

5. C-NLOPB Aviation Advisor Update

The Operational Safety Review (OSR) took place during the week of March 10. Work is continuing on the first draft of the report; the final report is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Peter recommended that all HOSC members review the [CAP 1145](#) report. He will be attending the CAA Helicopter Research Safety Management Committee Meetings in May in the U.K. as an observer and will bring back a list of ongoing research initiatives for HOSC review. Peter indicated that work is also continuing on the analysis of the CAA report which will be shared with the HOSC at a later date.

A brief discussion occurred regarding sea states and the recent Hibernia work refusal. C-NLOPB Chief Safety Officer Dan Chicoyne will be present at the next HOSC meeting to address.

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6. MI OSSC Update

Fred Anstey (Marine Institute) attended the meeting for a brief period to discuss various ongoing items:

- i. Seatbelt Harness Release: difficulty is primarily associated with corrosion due to chlorine contamination; new stainless steel seatbelt buckles are being acquired.
- ii. Voice Capable Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT): Marine Institute committed to ensuring adequate level of instruction on use of the ELT will be added to the BST program.
- iii. Contents in life rafts: **Ronnie will provide a list of life raft contents to Fred.** If any discrepancies are present, MI will change to fit standards.

7. OHSI Implementation Assessment

HOSC will agree on parameters for conducting the review during the next meeting in May.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place May 28 at Suncor Energy. Further information will follow prior to the meeting.