

Helicopter Operations Safety Committee (HOSC) Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Location: Suncor Energy – Scotia Centre, 235 Water Street

Attendees:

Steve Moore (Cougar Helicopters Rep)
Ray Dalton (Suncor Energy – Operator Rep – Deputy Chair)
Matthew Hawco (C-NLOPB)
Justin Tibbo (Henry Goodrich – Worker Rep)
Justin Meaney (SeaRose FPSO – Worker Rep)
Mark Williams (Chevron – Operator Rep)
John Whelan (Hibernia – Workforce Rep)
Don Williams (Husky Energy – Operator Rep – Chair)
Andrea Gruchy (Husky Energy – Administrator)
Dennis Ricard (HMDC – Operator Rep)
Alistair Mellis (Statoil – Operator Rep)
Barry Clouter (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)
Peter McKeage (C-NLOPB Rep) – *via teleconference*
Robert Normore (C-NSOPB Observer) – *via teleconference*

Guests:

J.J. Gerber (Cougar Helicopters)
Dan Chicoyne (C-NLOPB Chief Safety Officer)

Decisions and Actions are in bold type

Don announced that he will be stepping down from the HOSC. The committee would like to thank Don for his contribution and wish him well on his future endeavours. Ray has been appointed Chair of the HOSC; nominations for a Deputy Chair will commence soon. Ed Antle will join the committee as Operator Representative for Husky Energy. The committee would also like to welcome Ed and Ray to their new positions.

1. Safety Moment

Ray presented the safety moment which focused on Suncor Energy's second safety campaign entitled "Line of Fire". The committee watched a short video of an accident that occurred where an individual was crushed by a vehicle while working at a job site. It was noted the importance of looking for possible pinch points before starting a task and to never reach into a moving machine.

2. CHC Helicopters Canada – Introduction

Barry Clouter introduced the committee to CHC Helicopters Canada (its management structure and history in Canada). CHC currently provides offshore oil and gas support/SAR/emergency medical services in Canada and local management has 33+ years of aviation experience.

CHC Helicopters Canada will use Provincial Aerospace Limited Hangar 2 for operations in NL; the company is currently procuring office space in St. John's. Two S92 aircraft will

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be dedicated to Statoil in the Flemish Pass for the West Hercules and SAR services will remain with Cougar Helicopters. The HOSC would like to welcome CHC Helicopters Canada to the committee.

A representative from the West Hercules will need to be appointed to the HOSC later this fall.

3. Cougar Helicopters Update

Two Customer Flight Notifications occurred (Manifest Discrepancy (May 1) and Weather Radar Fail (May 7)).

It was noted that a DND SAR exercise will take place later this year.

As two helicopter service providers will now be present at each meeting, a brief discussion occurred about what information should be shared regarding statistics and other company information. **Peter McKeage will work with both providers (Barry Clouter and J.J. Gerber) to determine what information will be shared going forward.**

4. Action Log

The action log was reviewed at the meeting. The following items were updated:

- Tour of Sikorsky helicopter simulator: the tour is postponed until mid-September given the tight schedule and summer workload of the Cougar training department.
- Work is ongoing regarding the HUEBA Purge Test – **Ed to provide update at next meeting.**
- New pilot survival suits: the suit chosen is Survitec 1000/250 series with an expected implementation of July 2014. There will be a mix of new and old suits due to current budget; it may take a few years for the new suits to be fully implemented.
- New helicopter transportation suit: July 7-10 – suit verification will begin with 100 people measured for sizing. CGSB standard testing in Halifax to occur with mass sizing taking place between August 2014 and January 2015. Implementation of the new suit to occur in 2015. Representatives attended pool testing in Halifax on the latest version of the suit and gave verbal agreement (was also presented at the Helicopter Steering Committee Meeting on May 21).

5. Committee Delegates

It was suggested that HOSC members have delegates to ensure proper continuity of meetings. **Ray and Justin Tibbo will work on finding delegates for the GSF Grand Banks and Henry Goodrich.**

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6. HOSC Charter

John has requested minor changes to the wording of how individuals are chosen for the committee. **Justin Tibbo and Justin Meaney will work with John on proper wording of this section and will send to everyone for comment.**

It was also noted that the charter mandate regarding helicopter representation should be reviewed as there are now two helicopter service providers on the committee. **Matthew has been delegated to send a copy of the HOSC Charter to Barry and Rick.**

7. C-NLOPB Aviation Advisor Update

Work is continuing on the Operational Safety Review (OSR) report. The report will be sent to the HOSC when final C-NLOPB reviews are completed.

Peter attended the CAA Helicopter Safety Research Management Committee Meetings in the U.K. in May. Ongoing research projects were reviewed and the meetings were productive. [CAP 1145](#) is currently dominating the workgroup; committees are forming to address the recommendations in the report. There is a working group on changing helicopter certification (standardizing window size and side flotation) which is deemed quite valuable from the board's perspective. Peter's review of CAP 1145 is complete; he is currently briefing the C-NLOPB and his review will be shared with the HOSC at a later date.

8. C-NLOPB Chief Safety Officer Update

Dan Chicoyne attended a portion of the HOSC meeting to discuss how helicopter PPE is reviewed for workforce usage (suits, HUEBA, goggles, etc.). **Ray will forward the document to the committee; this will be added to the agenda for the next HOSC meeting.**

The question was raised as to whether or not the committee is the appropriate body to review helicopter PPE; all agreed that the HOSC should play a part in the decision process. **Matthew and Peter will develop wording to add to the HOSC Charter; this will be reviewed at the July meeting.**

The new helicopter transportation suits and the suit testing that occurred at the Marine Institute Offshore Safety and Survival Centre (OSSC) was briefly mentioned. All who participated agreed that the new suit will be well received by the workforce due to the new design and comfort level.

A lengthy discussion regarding sea states and the Hibernia work refusal occurred. This will be discussed again after the new Transport Canada regulation is received.

9. New Business

Matthew forwarded a copy of the draft C-NLOPB internal procedure "Conducting Reviews of Helicopter Safety Requirements" to the HOSC. This document is geared towards fulfilling OHSI Recommendation 28 (that the regulator review on an ongoing

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basis its regulations, guidelines and standards regarding offshore helicopter transportation). **Please review and forward any comments/changes to Matthew. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.**

10. Next Meeting:

The next HOSC meeting is scheduled to take place on July 9 at Husky Energy offices (Suite 901, 235 Water Street) and will focus on OHSI Implementation. Further information will follow prior to the meeting.

The committee also confirmed the HOSC schedule for the next several months. Please see below:

HOSC Meeting Schedule – 2014/2015		
Activity	Date	Host / Venue
HOSC Meeting	9-Jul-14	Husky Energy
Summer Break		
HOSC Meeting	1-Oct-14	HMDC
HOSC Meeting	12-Nov-14	Statoil
HOSC Meeting	4-Feb-15	Suncor Energy
HOSC Meeting	18-Mar-15	HMDC