

Regulators Forum

Alberta

Petroleum Safety Conference

Banff, Alberta

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OHS Vision and Mission

Healthy And Safe is How Alberta Works

Prevent workplace injury and illness by building and strengthening a health and safety culture through partnerships, policy, education, enforcement and innovation

Agenda

- Compliance/Investigation History
 - Trends
- Compliance Tools
- 2017 Oil and Gas Initiative
- Emerging issues/Legislation Challenges

Compliance History

Field Comments

- Drilling/Construction slow
- No noticeable trends
- New Rigs/Experienced Workers
- Anticipation of green hands as situation changes

Compliance History

Inspection Activity in Sector

	Inspections	Orders	SW/SUO
14/15	198	95	5
15/16	274	106	6
16/17	274	68	1

Compliance History

Most common orders (3 years)

- Safeguards
- Maintenance, Specifications
 - most SWO SUO
- Hazard Assessment

Compliance History

Second Tier

- PPE
- Cranes (log books)

Good News

- 2 fall protection orders

Compliance Tools

OHS officers have the following tools to use onsite:

- Immediate Compliance
- Compliance Order
- Stop Work Order
- Stop Use Order
- Notice to Produce
- Ticket

Compliance Tools

In addition:

➤ Administration Penalties

➤ Prosecution

Compliance Tools

Ticketing

- Greater focus on employers
59/41% employee/employer split
Previously 87/13%
- Change Part 2 to Part 3 tickets (May 1)
Linked to drivers licenses

Oil and Gas Initiative

2016/2017 Upstream Oil and Gas Program

General Response

- OHS Response to complaints and incidents

High Activity

- Inspection of high activity upstream oil and Gas worksites

Selected Employer

- Index approach (25 employers initially)

Oil and Gas Initiative

Selected Employer

Multiple Metrics

Fatalities

LTCR

DIR

DLFR

Multiple Years

4 year period 2012-2015

Legislation

No changes to announce

Government intent to modernize and renew

- Align with other Canadian jurisdictions
- Consultation before changes

Legislation

Provincial differences on radar

Health and Safety Committees

- Common in other jurisdictions

Workers rights to know about worksite hazards

- Cooperation of workplace parties

Mental Health

Mental/Psychological Health and Safety

New initiative in progress

Currently based on our General Duty Clause

- Recognizing new Standard as a guideline
(CSA – Z1003-13, Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace)

Investigations

Memorandum of Understanding Alberta OHS and Police Services

Protocols between OHS and police forces

- Serious incidents viewed through a criminal lens more frequently

OHS Futures

Funded research

- Using metabolites to monitor welding exposures
- An Alberta Performance indicators for internal responsibility system
- Effectiveness of random drug and alcohol testing
- COR and injury rates in Alberta
- Dose response study of occupational diesel fume exposure
- Health effects on women and men in apprenticeships trades

Challenges

Marijuana

- An Alberta Cannabis Secretariat has been set up within government. It is an internal government team established to coordinate Alberta's response to the federal legalization of cannabis.
- Over the coming weeks and months, the Secretariat will be reaching out to seek input from stakeholders in various sectors. In the meantime, they can be contacted at acs@gov.ab.ca.

QUESTIONS