

# OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### COVID-19 Awareness Toolkit

The Government of Canada has put together a toolkit of materials and information on COVID-19 to share in workplaces. The [toolkit](#) will be updated and revised regularly.

### Experience the Energy – VR School Field Trip Kit

A [PetroLMI initiative](#) for grades 3 to 12 uses virtual reality technology to teach children about the innovative world of oil and gas. The kit includes VR headsets and a Cleanbox sanitizer. The FREE VR Field Trip can be booked by contacting [info@careersinoilandgas.com](mailto:info@careersinoilandgas.com)

### Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program

The 2021 Audit Plan Program in lieu of a Maintenance audit is now open for applications. Visit [ESC's Maintaining a COR page](#) to learn more.

If you are conducting audits on site, please ensure a Safety Plan is in place. For more information, visit [ESC's COVID-19 Updates page](#).

### First Line Supervisors Blowout Prevention Certification

Starting April 1, exam challenges will be offered for two consecutive recertification cycles for First Line Supervisors Blowout Prevention. The certification will remain valid for 3 years and the student must maintain a certification that is not expired by more than 30 days to qualify for the challenge. To maintain high standards, the passing grade will remain at 70% and there will no longer be a re-write attempt for failed challenge exams.

### Training by the Numbers – A summary of 2020

Course Registrations: ESC Classroom 6,144 | ATP-Delivered 95,420 | Online 40,015 | Virtual Classroom 987  
Authorized Training Providers: 172  
Fraudulent Certificates Investigated: 355  
Contact Centre Volume: 106,037 (includes emails, inbound/outbound calls)

## Recent Publications

[Safety Alert | Operator Shot at During Vehicle Theft](#)

[Safety Alert | Worker Injured by Overhead Powerline](#)

[Safety Alert | Unsecured Pipe Drop Incidents](#)

[Dropped Objects Microlearning Video](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Webinar | COR Maintenance Audit Option – Action Plan Proposal

March 2 10:00-11:00AM | [Register Now](#)

March 4 10:00-11:00AM | [Register Now](#)

This webinar is specific to large employers approved to participate in the action plan audit maintenance option and are in the process of creating the action plan proposal.

### Webinar | Practical Ergonomic Advice for Drivers

March 3 12:00-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Drivers are no strangers to musculoskeletal injuries, especially in the back, neck, shoulders, and legs. Yet, even though their work is vastly different than that of other occupations, we all face a common problem: lack of movement.

### Energy Safety Canada Saskatchewan Advisory Committee | Annual General Meeting

March 16 10:30-11:00AM CST

This virtual meeting is open to those in Energy Safety Canada Saskatchewan's four funding Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) rate codes: D32 - Operation of Oilwells, D41 - Oilwell Servicing, D51 - Service Rigs and Water Well Drilling, and D52 - Drilling. If you would like to attend, please email [Cheryl.tollefson@energysafetycanada.com](mailto:Cheryl.tollefson@energysafetycanada.com).

### Webinar | Breaking the Stigma One Save at A Time

March 17 12:00-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

After representing Canada in the 1994 Olympics, NHL goaltender, Corey Hirsch began having panic attacks, something he felt he couldn't share with his teammates. He was later diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Now as a mental health advocate, Corey shares his own story to help others who might be struggling. Corey is the National Youth Ambassador for the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)](#) and has also helped create the CAMH program, Gamechangers, to help youth understand the importance of mental health.

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## KEY PROJECTS

### OSSA Course Transition

The updated Energy Safety Canada versions of legacy OSSA training courses are now accepted industry wide. [Fall Protection](#), [Confined Space Entry and Monitor](#), [Fire Watch](#), and [Mobile Elevating Work Platforms](#) are available in class through the ESC Authorized Training Provider network. [Confined Space Entry and Monitor](#) is also available online.

### Building Capacity to Manage Pressure

#### Creative Sentencing

Progress on all modules continues. The task group provided feedback on the draft storyboard for module 2, "Understanding Pressure". Revisions to this and the other two modules are being made and will be shared with the task group.

### Potentially Serious Incident Report

This [report](#) provides a summary of Potentially Serious Incident (PSI) data from the Alberta oil and gas industry from 2019 to Q3 2020. Understanding common trends and encouraging broader conversations around industry prevention efforts is an important component of [Energy Safety Canada's PSI Program](#).

### Drilling & Completion Committee (DACC)

The next DACC meeting is scheduled for March 17.

### IRP 2: Completing and Servicing Sour Wells

The committee is discussing elastomers and corrosion resistant alloys appendix content and plans to present the draft IRP in March.

### IRP 20: Wellsite Design Spacing Requirements

The committee is reviewing the existing IRP and collecting information from CAPP and PSAC to finalize scope in March.

### IRP 21: Coiled Tubing Operations

[IRP 21](#) is available for industry review ending March 25.

### IRP 27: Wellbore Decommissioning

[IRP 27](#) is available for industry review ending April 29.

### IRP 28: Drilling and Completions Waste Management

The committee is reviewing feedback from regulators and plans to present the draft IRP in March.

### IRP 29: Temporary Flow Piping (New)

The committee is proposing a name change to "Temporary Pipework and Proper Restraint". The intent is to provide guidance related to securement of temporary pipework based on a range of considerations. The committee will form working groups to draft content.



## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Oil Sands

Oil Sands Safety Committee meeting was held on February 17; Initiatives include Tailings Safety on Spill Boxes and Spill Pipes; Monthly Get a Grip teleconference; Alberta Prevention Initiative Slips, Trips & Falls Working Committee meeting.

### British Columbia

Safety presentations were delivered at Ryder on Line of Fire and 360 Walk Around. Conversations regarding the Vac Truck Task Group continue with the goal to achieve standardization/agreement.

### Saskatchewan

Meetings are ongoing with the SK WCB concerning the new 2021 Safety Association agreement.

[March 16 | Energy Safety Canada Saskatchewan Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting](#)



## EVALUATIONS

### February Summary

#### Certified Instructor Evaluation/Co-Teaches

23 evaluations, 2 co-teaches, 1 skill and 10 pre-entrance exams: 1 Instructional Skills Development (ISD) course - 8 new instructor candidates

#### Authorized Training Provider (ATP)

4 new ATPs, 1 ATP administrative training (Zoom), 4 Town Halls, Regional (Zoom)

#### Fraud Investigations and Complaints

2 Instructor Investigations completed in January; 2 Suspension letters; COVID-19 compliant complaints dealt with case-by-case basis