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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ESC Data Gateway Launch

The [ESC Data Gateway](#) is a secure way for collecting safety data. Through this portal, stakeholders can share corporate safety data and access a variety of reports. Tracking injury and illness statistics helps to identify issues and trends so industry can learn from previous incidents and take proactive measures.

### Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code

Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety Code is changing. Review or provide your feedback on the proposed changes through the [survey](#) by May 10, 2021.

### Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program

Did you know? Employers who participate in the COR program are eligible for a refund. Last year, the Workers' Compensation Board-Alberta issued an industry total of \$8.9 million in rebates to employers that held an ESC COR. For more information, view the [COR Program Statistical Report](#).

### Certificate Validation

All ESC certificates can be validated [online](#). Any concerns with a certificate can be directed to Evaluations at [Evaluations@EnergySafetyCanada.com](mailto:Evaluations@EnergySafetyCanada.com).

### Training by the Numbers – to the end of March

Course Registrations: ESC Classroom 1,675 | ATP-Delivered 31,245 | Online 14,754 | Virtual Classroom: 852  
Number of Authorized Training Providers across Canada: 185  
Contact Centre Volume: 35,000+ (includes emails, inbound/outbound calls)

## Recent Publications

Sanctioned | [IRP 22: RMD/MPD/UBD Operations](#)

Safety Alert | [Worker Injured Falling off Equipment](#)

Safety Alert | [Dropped Heavyweight Drill Pipe](#)

Safety Alert | [Over Pressurized Piping Causes Line Failure](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Webinar | Fit for Duty Challenges a Year After COVID

May 5 12:00-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

In this session, we will review the unique challenges that COVID has placed in the oil and gas sector. Topics include:

- 2020 industry test data
- Compare and contrast of testing methods, mediums and technologies
- Cannabis vs alcohol
- Impairment vs intoxication
- Key geographical fit for duty focal points
- Emerging compliance requirements focused on policy enforcement (supervisor training)

### Webinar | Psychological Injuries in the Workplace

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

This seminar will cover WCB policy and legislation related to psychological injuries, the claims decision making process, psychological injury treatment, and how to successfully support your workers through recovery. Our aim is to increase understanding of mental health injuries in the workplace.

You will learn:

- Key legislation and policies
- How to support a safe and timely return-to-work
- Tools and best practices
- Where to find additional support

### Webinar | Fire & Explosion Incident Review

May 19 12:00-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Summit Transport & Hauling will provide a special presentation of a 2017 incident when a grinder ignited vapour fumes leading to an explosion and the serious injury of three workers.

Join Wally McNeil and Jean Maetche as they re-cap the incident, share lessons learned and discuss how the incident has changed their operations for the better.

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## KEY INITIATIVES

### Human and Organizational Performance (HOP) Community of Practice (COP)

The third HOP meeting was held on April 7 with guest presenter Tanya Hewitt discussing the base principles of HOP. John Green, VP Global HSE, SNC-Lavalin Inc. will present at the May session. An invite will be sent out once the date has been confirmed. A service company and pipeline company recently joined the group.

### Second Line Supervisors Well Control (SLSWC)

The updated version of the SLSWC curriculum was introduced to classroom sessions in April. Highlights include new curriculum on Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD) and Thermal Wells and a new computer-based exam. The content changes have been developed through the Well Control Certification Committee (WCCC).

## Drilling & Completions Committee (DACC)

### IRP 2: Completing and Servicing Sour Wells

[IRP 2](#) is available for industry review ending July 7, 2021. The IRP provides practices for the safe planning, equipment and fluid handling for completions and servicing operations on sour wells using a service rig.

### IRP 21: Coiled Tubing Operations

[IRP 21](#) review period ended on March 25. The committee is working to address 54 feedback items including adding clarity around barriers.

### IRP 28: Drilling and Completions Waste Management

[IRP 28](#) is available for industry review ending July 7, 2021. The IRP provides an overview of industry recommendations for waste management options for the oil and gas sector.

### IRP 29: Temporary Flow Piping

The committee has proposed a name change to Temporary Pipework, Securement and Restraint as the content will include risk-based approaches to securement and restraint.

### IRP 30: Temporary Wellbore Suspension (New)

DACC has approved the development of an IRP to address Temporary Wellbore Suspensions and a call for volunteers will be issued in August 2021. The objectives are to ensure wellbores are safe and secure, integrity is preserved, and equipment is maintained to allow for efficient re-activation or permanent wellbore decommissioning.



## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Oil Sands

[Working On and Around Water and Ice Guideline](#) industry review ended on April 19, 2021. Current initiatives include Driving in the Mine; Tailings Safety on Spill Boxes and Spill Pipes; Wood Buffalo Regional Safety Committee meeting; and Day of Mourning activities to be held on April 28, 2021.

### British Columbia

Safety presentations were delivered for the Ryder Logistics Group on the DROPS launch. A webinar on NORM Awareness was held on April 27. Student computer lab and classroom are available for in-person and virtual courses.

### Saskatchewan

Virtual meetings are underway with surcharged employers.

ESC SK ratified their new agreement with the Saskatchewan WCB. This agreement extends to 2023.

Concluded meetings with our special working groups, CAODC and the oil field trucking group. These meetings focus on direct accident causation, WCB claim duration, statistical updates and ways to mitigate accidents/worker injuries.



## DATA & ANALYTICS

Did you know that most potentially serious incidents (PSI) are near misses?

18% of the oil and gas industry's PSIs involve injuries.

This is one of the lowest industry ratios in the entire province and is a measure of the excellent reporting culture that exists in our industry.

What is your company's ratio of near miss to injury PSIs and what does this tell you?

Review the [PSI Report](#) to learn more.