OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SAFETY INQUIRY January 13, 2010 Tara Place, Suite 213, 31 Peet Street St. John's, NL

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1 January 13, 2010		1	the window frame, this is all something which
2 COMMISSIONER:		2	has been developed as part of the recognition
3 Q. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Are	you	3	by the trainers, by the industry, by C-NLOPB,
4 ready, Mr. Earle?	-	4	that we're dealing with unique circumstances
5 EARLE, Q.C.:		5	here and that we have to consider issues of
6 Q. Good morning, gentlemen.		6	escape from a helicopter, largely in the
7 MR. SACUTA:		7	context of a downing over water. Would you
8 A. Good morning.		8	agree with that?
9 MR. VOKEY:		9 MR.	SACUTA:
10 A. Good morning.		10 A	. What I would say is that the primary egress
11 MR. PRITCHARD:		11	would always be the preferred egress during
12 A. Good morning.		12	any landing situation, whether it was on land
13 EARLE, Q.C.:		13	or at sea. There may be circumstances, such
14 Q. In your presentation, gentlemen, you review	ved	14	as an inversion of a helicopter, where the
15 the regulatory environment as it impacted o		15	primary egress points may not be possible, and
the provision of helicopter services, and		16	that's where the secondary egress points, the
17 looking at those you've referred to, it seems	\$	17	windows along each row of seats would be the
18 to me that Transport Canada does not take	e	18	secondary egress point.
19 particular cognizance of the over water part	t	19 EAR	RLE, Q.C.:
20 of the flight service, if you will, in that		20 Q	. Yeah. Would you not agree that I mean, the
21 it's not Transport Canada, but C-NLOPB that	at	21	conclusion to reach from the testimony of the
22 requires the floatation, and do you gentleme	n	22	people at the Marine Institute is that if the
23 have a similar understanding?		23	helicopter submerges, unless you happen to be
24 MR. VOKEY:		24	adjacent to one of these primary egress
25 A. That's in the C-NLOPB regulations, yes.		25	points, which if we're looking at the diagram
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1 EARLE, Q.C.:	-	1	to your right, Mr. Sacuta, it's the A, B, C,
2 Q. Yeah. As I understand from what you've sh	nown	2	and D points, and unless you're adjacent to
3 us, Transport Canada focuses on airframe	<u>,</u>	3	one of those in a submerged or submerging
4 airworthiness, focuses on the helideck for		4	helicopter, you'd better be able to get out a
5 landing, they seem to be very specific abou	ıt 🛛	5	window because you're going to be struggling
6 that, wants certification and that sort of		6	with the buoyant forces of water and you're
7 thing, but they address things like egress		7	going to be dealing with the fact that you are
8 from a land perspective, and that as I		8	now in the dark under water, and really it's
9 understand it, Transport Canada, really		9	quite problematic to think that you would get
10 doesn't consider the windows and the egre	ss	10	one of those primary points unless you happen
11 through the windows in the picture, so long	as	11	to be adjacent to it?
12 there are three points of egress from the		12 MR.	SACUTA:
13 helicopter. Is that your understanding as		13 A	. We are trained that in an inversion situation,
14 well?		14	your egress point becomes your window, the
15 MR. SACUTA:		15	window that you are besides, whether it's
16 A. It's certainly my understanding that Transpo		16	immediately beside you or in the row beside
17 Canada has a requirement for primary egres	ss,	17	you in the case of two passengers sitting in a
and the primary egress is for three on a		18	row.
19 helicopter, and the S-92 has four primary			LE, Q.C.:
20 egress points.			. Yeah. Now did I understand your evidence, Mr.
21 EARLE, Q.C.:		21	Sacuta, to be that the decision had been made
22 Q. Yeah, and that the whole concept of egress b	-	22	that the training would be on a level such
the windows and the methodology which		23	that it would be applicable not to a specific
24 people from the Marine Institute described		24	helicopter airframe type, but on a more
25 obtaining your reference point, taking hold of	of	25	general level so that people would be equipped

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1 with the essential strategies for escape in a	1 opportunity.	
2 submersion or submerging situation	2 EARLE, Q.C.:	
3 irrespective of the helicopter type?	3 Q. You fellows ha	ave a wonderful way of not
4 MR. SACUTA:	4 answering the q	uestions, at least the way I
5 A. What I said was that the current training the	5 want them answ	vered. Does that mean that you
6 we undergo is not aircraft specific, that the	6 have accepted the	ne recommendation in principle
7 main benefit was to provide the individua	7 and you're work	king towards implementation?
8 with the required steps to exit the aircraft	8 MR. SACUTA:	
9 in an inversion situation.	9 A. We're continuir	ig to work with the training
10 EARLE, Q.C.:	10 providers to de	termine the best go-forward
11 Q. That's the current training?	11 improvement op	portunities, and as I mentioned
12 MR. SACUTA:	in my testimony	in my closing yesterday, one
13 A. Yes, at the Marine Institute.	13 of the issues we	're willing to work as part of
14 EARLE, Q.C.:	14 Phase 1B is the	fidelity of that training.
15 Q. At the Marine Institute, and Mr. Roil in his	15 EARLE, Q.C.:	
16 questions to you used the term "fidelity" in	16 Q. Okay, so you se	e a direction suggested, you're
17 terms of the accuracy of the HUET vis-a-vi		direction, but let's see how
18 the particular aircraft that is being used at	18 practical it is to	move in that direction,
19 the time, and you indicated that that was the	-	fair summary of where you are?
20 current training, but I looked at your	20 MR. SACUTA:	5 5
21 Aviation Safety Team Aviation Safety R	iew 21 A. Yes.	
22 Team Report, and that's Exhibit P-00117/2		
If we could sorry, it's 0017/000, and it's		1. Now if we could go to Slide
page 25. Just take it back to 24, so we can		52, of your presentation, and
25 see what the beginning of the section is,		key, you were the one who dealt
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1 please. You see this is Section 6.0, the	1 with this slide.	C C
2 recommendations, and page 25, the	2 MR. VOKEY:	
3 recommendations you'll six bullets dow	3 A. That's correct.	
4 starting with the words, "Work with Mari	4 EARLE, Q.C.:	
5 Institute".	5 Q. And I'm lookir	g at Item #3, and I sense a
6 MR. SACUTA:	6 difference betw	een your evidence and what's
7 A. Yes, we reviewed this yesterday.		u indicated, and correct me if
8 EARLE, Q.C.:		t my understanding of your
9 Q. And it would appear to me that, again to us	C .	freight should not be in the
10 Mr. Roil's words, that this recommendati		-
11 actually moves in the direction of a great	11 MR. VOKEY:	
degree of fidelity to the S-92 and actual		nething there again.
13 flight conditions in terms of the training,	13 EARLE, Q.C.:	5 6
14 and I wonder could you tell us what the sta		king at 62?
15 of this recommendation is? Is it - has it	15 REGISTRAR:	6
been accepted, is it up for consideration, ha	16 A. 61 and 62.	
17 it been rejected?	17 EARLE, Q.C.:	
18 MR. SACUTA:	_	want to look at 61 and 62.
19 A. There was a review of both the Marine	19 We're looking a	
20 Institute and Survival Systems done, a join	20 REGISTRAR:	
21 review with the report that was issued wit	21 A. Right now, yes.	
22 some follow-up recommendations, and I be		
23 we're continuing to work with the trainin		what I want Mr. Vokey to look
24 providers to try to identify what the next	23 Q. Fes, and that s	
25 steps would be in that improvement	25 REGISTRAR:	

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1 A. Okay.	1 assigned seating policy in place, but I know
2 EARLE, Q.C.:	2 that Cougar as the operator of the S-92 does
3 Q. Did I understand you to be saying that it is	3 have responsibility to make sure that the
4 freight should not be in the passenger	4 centre of gravity when flying is maintained
5 compartment, that freight can be carried in	5 and if there are circumstances where there may
6 the, for want of a better word, luggage	6 be weight in the back of the aircraft, they
7 compartment?	7 may have to look at where people are seated in
8 MR. VOKEY:	8 order to successfully fly offshore and land.
9 A. That's correct.	9 So this was a Hibernia specific situation.
10 EARLE, Q.C.:	10 EARLE, Q.C.:
11 Q. So is that not different than what is said	11 Q. Well, I take it was Hibernia specific in the
12 here, "Passengers and freight should not	sense that it was your platform they were
13 normally be carried on the same aircraft".	13 trying to land on.
14 MR. VOKEY:	14 MR. SACUTA:
15 A. I believe the intent of that statement is that	15 A. It occurred on the Hibernia platform.
16 it's not carried in the same space with	16 EARLE, Q.C.:
17 passengers. That's our interpretation of	17 Q. It was still an S-92?
18 that, and I believe that is the intent.	18 MR. SACUTA:
19 EARLE, Q.C.:	19 A. Correct.
20 Q. That's your interpretation. Have there been	20 EARLE, Q.C.:
21 instances of problems with the helicopters	21 Q. In that context, are you comfortable with the
22 since the return to flight with weight	22 notion of allowing heavy freight like a
23 distribution caused by heavy freight, and I	23 welding machine to accompany passengers?
24 would tell you what's been told to me, that	24 MR. SACUTA:
25 there was an instance where there was a	25 A. As part of the responsibilities of Cougar, I'm
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1 welding machine put in the freight	1 comfortable that they look at the weight
2 compartment, and on landing the weight	2 distribution on their aircraft as part of
3 distribution was such that the passengers were	
4 required to move forward to balance the	4 EARLE, Q.C.:
5 helicopter. Have there been and that now	5 Q. So from your perspective, that's an "over to
6 the response to that is that there is	6 you, Cougar"?
7 designated seating on the helicopters, that	7 MR. SACUTA:
8 people don't get to sit where they want,	8 A. No, from my perspective, we recognize that
9 they're distributed such that weight is evenly	9 there are times when we have freight in the
10 distributed in the aircraft to maintain	10 baggage compartment and Cougar will let know
<ul><li>balance. Are you aware that there have been</li><li>these kinds of instances?</li></ul>	
<ul><li>12 these kinds of instances?</li><li>13 MR. VOKEY:</li></ul>	<ul><li>of that freight will cause on our ability to</li><li>successfully fly offshore. Cougar does the</li></ul>
14 A. I'm not aware of any instances, no.	14 calculations on the weight distribution, the
15 MR. SACUTA:	15 operator does not.
16 A. I am aware of that. That was an issue	16 EARLE, Q.C.:
17 specifically related to Hibernia. There was a	17 Q. Thank you. In respect of this search and
18 situation where while attempting to land the	rescue capacity, and if we could go to Slide
19 pilots did think that there needed to be	19 94. Is it your understanding that the standby
20 redistribution of the passengers prior to	20 helicopter now is SAR ready when it's standing
21 landing, so they asked passengers to come fro	· · · ·
22 the back of the aircraft. I'm not aware of	22 been brought to my attention is the fact that
23 what the actual weight restriction was in the	previously before a search and rescue mission
baggage compartment, but I'm aware of that	
25 I'm not aware that we have any restrictions of	
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1 question has come up is, well, is the	1	minutes?
2 helicopter kept in the seatless mode, if yo	u 2 MR	. PRITCHARD:
3 will?	3 4	A. We have not had specific discussions with
4 MR. PRITCHARD:	4	Cougar on that requirement. We know that the
5 A. We have a commitment for one hour whe	els up. 5	one hour wheels up is a maximum one hour
6 Our situation currently is that we comply v	-	wheels up, and Cougar will always strive to
7 that one hour wheels up. It depends what t		better that time.
8 of mission, the actual SAR, whether it be		RLE, Q.C.:
9 first response, medical to offshore, or		Q. I recognize that, and we know that in this
10 recovery from the sea. A call will be made		incident last March they achieved wheels up in
11 to whether to remove the seatings and put		40 some odd minutes?
12 stacker for stretcher availability.		. PRITCHARD:
13 EARLE, Q.C.:		A. Yes, that's correct.
14 Q. So the normal standby configuration is n		RLE, Q.C.:
15 with seats removed?		Q. But the question is have you given
16 MR. PRITCHARD:	16	consideration, have you discussed with Cougar
17 A. We utilize our operating helicopters on	-	a shorter wheels up timeframe, and what would
18 cycle kind of basis, and we have a one ho		be required for that?
19 wheels up which we maintain. We can ge		. PRITCHARD:
20 aircraft in the air within one hour.		A. That is one of the final comments by Mr.
21 EARLE, Q.C.:	20 7	Sacuta that we would look towards that.
22 Q. Could you clarify that issue? Is the norma		RLE, Q.C.
23 standby configuration without seats?		Q. So we can take it that we have a commitment
24 MR. PRITCHARD:	23	from the companies to work towards a shorter
25 A. The normal configuration is the aircraft a		wheels up time frame?
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	e l	. PRITCHARD:
<ol> <li>going out for operational duties and cycl</li> <li>through. We always have one aircraft on</li> </ol>		A. We will review that with Cougar and get a good
		understanding about what the capabilities and
<ul><li>3 ground available for one hour wheels up.</li><li>4 EARLE, Q.C.:</li></ul>	3	
	4	capacities of Cougar would be.
<ul><li>5 Q. So what you're telling me is that the seat</li><li>6 are in the standby aircraft?</li></ul>		RLE, Q.C. Q. So you're prepared to go halfway there. Now
7 MR. PRITCHARD:	7	if I could turn to the situation with CAPP, and we understand from Mr. Barnes that there
8 A. The seats are in the operational aircraft,	1	
9 that's correct, and we use an operational		is an Atlantic committee of CAPP. It's the
10 aircraft for the SAR first response.	10	phrase Atlantic Executive Policy Committee has
11 EARLE, Q.C.:	11	been used, I believe. It's otherwise been
12 Q. So it's an operational aircraft that has not		called the Atlantic Committee. That is to
been, if you will, reduced to full SAR status		distinguish it from the Safety Committee, and
14 while it's on standby?	14	I wonder if you gentlemen, as the heads of the
15 MR. PRITCHARD:	15	operations in Newfoundland and the Grand Bank
16 A. And it's available for one hour wheels up		operations for your respective companies, do
17 that commitment and responsibility.	17	you sit on that committee?
18 EARLE, Q.C.:		. VOKEY:
19 Q. It's available for one hour wheels up?		A. Well, just before we answer the question, can
20 MR. PRITCHARD:	20	you say what the committee is again, please?
21 A. Correct.		RLE, Q.C.
22 EARLE, Q.C.:		Q. Pardon?
23 Q. Have you had any discussions with Couga		. VOKEY:
24 what would be required to have a differe		A. I don't understand what committee you're
25 wheels up timeframe, say, 40 minutes or	30 25	talking about.

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1 EARLE, Q.C.	1 EARLE, Q.C.
2 Q. Well, there is and I can actually there	2 Q. Yeah.
3 is a committee known as the Atlantic Canada	3 MR. SACUTA:
4 Executive Policy Group, and in some of the	4 A. Not that I'm aware, no.
5 and there is also another committee known as	5 EARLE, Q.C.
6 the CAPP Atlantic Canada Committee. I don't	6 Q. Thank you. Now your current title, Mr. Vokey,
7 know whether they're the there are the same	e 7 is asset manager?
8 committee that has had its name changed over	r 8 MR. VOKEY:
9 the period of years or whether they are two	9 A. That's correct, yes.
10 different committees.	10 EARLE, Q.C.
11 MR. PRITCHARD:	11 Q. I've seen you referred to as operations
12 A. I'm aware of the Executive Policy Group	12 manager in earlier documentation and I'm
13 committee and currently my vice-president site	s 13 acutely aware that titles change in your
14 on that committee.	14 industry from time to time. Did you get a
15 MR. VOKEY:	15 promotion or change of name?
16 A. And that would be similar for Suncor. Our	16 MR. VOKEY:
17 vice-president of east coast operations sits	17 A. Change of name.
18 on the EPG, if that's the committee you're	18 EARLE, Q.C.
19 referring to.	19 Q. Pardon?
20 EARLE, Q.C.	20 MR. VOKEY:
21 Q. And Mr. Sacuta?	21 A. I've progressed through the Suncor
22 MR. SACUTA:	22 organization since I've come onshore. My
A. I do not sit on the committee.	23 original role was operations manager, where I
24 EARLE, Q.C.	24 was accountable for the offshore operations
25 Q. Who would sit on the committee?	25 end of it, which primarily included the FPSO
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1 MR. SACUTA:	1 and the onshore operations people that
2 A. Hibernia is not a member of CAPP. We have six	
3 co-venturers as part of the Hibernia	3 taking on the engineering aspects, facilities
4 operation. Five of those six co-venturers are	4 engineering primarily, in conjunction with
5 members of CAPP and so it is felt that we are	5 operations and as asset manager, I'm
6 adequately represented in the CAPP system by	
7 those five co-venturers and in our individual	7 drilling and facilities.
8 panel next week, we'll talk a little bit about	8 EARLE, Q.C.
9 the relationship HMDC has with ExxonMobil, a	
10 ExxonMobil is a member of the committee.	10 reports to you?
11 EARLE, Q.C.	11 MR. VOKEY:
12 Q. So there is a degree of separation between	12 A. Yes, sir.
13 HMDC and CAPP in that your participation in	13 EARLE, Q.C.
14 CAPP is through your shareholders?	14 Q. Okay. So you're, for want of a better phrase,
15 MR. SACUTA:	15 you're the head man in Newfoundland?
16 A. Through our shareholders, but we also have a	
17 number of ExxonMobil personnel who are	
18 seconded to HMDC who can adequately represe	
19 HMDC's interests.	19 EARLE, Q.C.
20 EARLE, Q.C.	20 Q. Now so we have the situation in terms of
21 Q. Yeah, but is there a standing designation of	21 HMDC's involvement with CAPP being indirect.
22 an ExxonMobil person within HMDC to sit or	-
23 this committee?	23 withdrew from CAPP overall but continued to
24 MR. SACUTA:	24 participate in the specific issue with the
25 A. The Executive Committee?	25 Safety Committee. Is that correct?
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1 MR. PRITCHARD:	1	1	decision point, we certainly have our seat at
2 A. That's correct. We deferred our members	ship in 2	2	the table and our input at that time.
3 CAPP in May 2009. That was a busin	ness 3	3 EARLE	E, Q.C.
4 decision taken corporately to allow m	nore 4	4 Q.	Okay. So if we could look at the process and
5 advocacy of Husky's requirements	with 5	5	in particular, and I think Mr. Vokey, you're
6 governments. We still continue to opera	ite at 6	5	the only one who was around at that time, of
7 the Safety Committee levels and task for	force 7	7	the three of you, so perhaps you can help us,
8 levels within CAPP, and I wish to correc	ta 8	8	because it's not particularly evident from the
9 statement I made earlier that my vice	e- 9	9	documents we have been supplied how this
10 president is part of the EPG now. I mu	ist 10	)	withdrawal of the issue from CAPP happened,
11 correct that that he's not part of that EPG		1	why it happened. Can you help us with that?
12 because of our membership withdra	wal. 12	2 MR. V	OKEY:
13 Inherently, in days gone by, it was the V	/P's 13	3 A.	I've got no knowledge of that at this time.
14 position to sit at that level. So I'd correct	t 14	4	I'm sure we can find the information, but I
15 that statement.	15	5	don't have it at this time.
16 EARLE, Q.C.	16	5 MR. SA	ACUTA:
17 Q. Well, how does that work? Because acc	cording 17	7 A.	I believe Mr. Barnes, when he testified,
to Mr. Barnes and his evidence, there w	-		mentioned it was in the 2003 or 2004 time
19 withdrawal of the HUEBA although it n	night 19	)	frame, but later corrected or that has been
20 have not even been under that acronym a	-	)	corrected during the testimony that it was
21 point in time, but he, in his evidence, h			actually the late 2007-2008 time frame, not
said 2003-2004 period there was a without			2003-2004.
23 of the underwater breathing device pro		3 MR. PF	RITCHARD:
from CAPP. Taken back to the members	-	4 A.	And that will all be part of the review in the
25 way he described it. That would have rec	quired 25		lessons learned that we will undertake to get
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1 a decision. How would Husky, as a non-mer	mber, 1	1	that time line correct and decision making and
2 participate in such decisions?	2	2	information flow during that lessons learned
3 MR. PRITCHARD:	3	3	process.
4 A. During that period, we would have been a	a 4	4 EARLE	E, Q.C.
5 member of CAPP. Our withdrawal was from	May 5	5 Q.	In any event, you cannot help us with the why
6 2009.	6	5	of that decision?
7 EARLE, Q.C.	7	7 MR. V	OKEY:
8 Q. I appreciate that, but I'm concerned, as I	8	8 A.	That's correct.
9 have expressed, with the function of CAPP as	s 9	9 EARLE	E, Q.C.
10 the single point of contact for the industry	10	) Q.	And Mr. Sacuta, would you have been here at
11 with C-NLOPB. So it's important to understan	nd 11	1	that time?
12 how an operator, major operator in this area,	12	2 MR. SA	ACUTA:
13 would function in relation to CAPP in the	13	3 A.	In 2007-2008?
14 decision making process when you're withdr	rawn 14	4 EARLE	E, Q.C.
15 from membership.	15	5 Q.	Yeah.
16 MR. PRITCHARD:	16	5 MR. SA	ACUTA:
17 A. Well, we still have a seat at the table at the	17	7 A.	I arrived in October of 2007. The issues
18 steering committee levels and the task force	18	8	revolved around the safety concerns. We had
19 levels. So we have input towards the	19		chosen the compressed air system. There were
20 effective results of those types of task force	20		still safety concerns associated with
21 and committees, and so therefore, it's a	21	1	completing the training and the medical
22 collaborative effort at that kind of level	22	2	requirements of that training. So I believe
23 within the CAPP organization to make	23	3	the operators wanted to step back and do a
24 recommendations to the EPG who would mak	ke the 24		little further investigation of the available
25 decision. So whilst we're not at the final	25	5	devices. A trip was completed to the North

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1	Sea to review the breathing device that they		1		device that we selected was the device best
2	used in the North Sea. There were		2	2	suited to the Newfoundland operating
3	representatives from the Board, from CAPP a	nd	3	í	environment.
4	from the operators and an ExxonMobil per	son	4	M	IR. VOKEY:
5	representing HMDC as part of that trip. So I		5	i	A. If I can just comment?
6	think it was we had not been able to come to	о	6	6 EA	ARLE, Q.C.
7	conclusion on the safety-related concerns of	f	7	/	Q. Sorry?
8	introducing the compressed air system. After	er	8	M	IR. VOKEY:
9	the return from that trip, all that what		9	,	A. If I can just comment? As Mr. Sacuta says, in
10	that trip did is determine that the compressed	1	10	)	the early stages, there were concerns, safety
11	air device was the best device for our		11		concerns, and one thing we have to remember
12	environment, based on what they reviewed	ed	12	5	here is that the operators are accountable for
13	during that trip over to the North Sea, and so	)	13	í	their individuals, so we can't abdicate our
14	at that point in time, it then went back to		14	Ļ	safety responsibilities and if there were
15	CAPP and we started the implementation and	the	15		potential safety concerns with a device, you
16	mitigation plan to address the concerns		16	,	can't necessarily address it through an issue
17	associated with the medical and training		17	!	like CAPP where there's corporate concerns and
18	requirements of using the compressed air		18	6	companies had concerns with potential safety
19	system.		19	i	aspects, so the companies reviewed it
20 EAR	LE, Q.C.		20	1	internally to ensure that, from a corporate
21 Q.	I hear what you say, and it's a good		21		perspective, the risks were manageable, and
22	description of what happened, but I don't he	ar	22		then it went back to CAPP. That I do know.
23	much of the why. Why could all that not ha	ve	23	EA	ARLE, Q.C.
24	happened through CAPP?		24	•	Q. Just to be clear, the safety risk you're
25 MR.	SACUTA:		25	i	discussing was a risk of using during
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1 A.	I think there were concerns raised by the		1		training, right?
2	three operators and it was felt let's get the		2	MI	IR. VOKEY:
3	operators to go over and look at the available	e	3	i	A. Correct.
4	technology to make sure that the compress	ed	4	EA	ARLE, Q.C.
5	air system was the system that we wanted t	0	5	,	Q. And it was never thought that well, that
6	implement in Newfoundland and Labrador.		6	,	risk would outweigh use in a downed and
7 EAR	LE, Q.C.		7	!	submerging helicopter situation.
8 Q.	Were there people participating in the CAPI	2	8	MI	IR. VOKEY:
9	decision making process who were not offsh	ore	9	,	A. The thing is we put approximately 2,000 people
10	operators? I realize there were that this		10	1	every three years through training and we
11	was being dealt with not simply on a Gran	d	11		can't put people at potential risk without
12	Banks basis, but being dealt with on a Nov	a	12		understanding those risks, and each company
13	Scotia offshore basis as well, but I don't		13		looked at those risks individually.
14	the names have been redacted, but it appear		14	- EA	ARLE, Q.C.
15	to me, from looking at the companies, they	/	15	i	Q. And of course, the solution to that problem
16	would all have been operators. Were there	e	16	j.	has been the very simple approach of anyone
17	people blocking your way or something?		17		for whom there is a possible risk, you just
	SACUTA:		18		simply do the training by demonstration and
	I don't know the answer to that.		19	1	not by practice?
20 EAR					IR. VOKEY:
	So can you see any reason why that could n	ot	21		A. No. No, that's not correct. We do the
22	have been done through CAPP?		22		training, but not in a HUET situation where
	SACUTA:		23		individuals are submerged below one metre. We
1	I believe the operators wanted to take more		24		do it at less than one metre, but individuals
25	engagement in the process to ensure that the	e	25	)	are submerged.

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1 EARLE, Q.C.	1 these because I've been dealing with hard
2 Q. They don't actually use it?	2 copies.
3 MR. VOKEY:	3 REGISTRAR:
4 A. Yes, we do.	4 Q. Perhaps Mr. Roil might help.
5 MR. SACUTA:	5 EARLE, Q.C.
6 A. The training has been tailored to address the	6 Q. Page 54 of -
7 concerns associated with being below one m	etre 7 ROIL, Q.C.:
8 of water depth. The HUEBA training we	8 Q. The undertakings?
9 currently undergo does not expose the	9 EARLE, Q.C.
10 individual to depths below one metre. That	10 Q. Of CAPP response.
11 training was specifically put together in	11 ROIL, Q.C.:
12 order to not expose the individual to the	12 Q. Yeah, Commissioner, Mr. Earle, if I could
13 potential risk associated with being below of	ie just stand alongside my friend, Mr. Earle
14 metre and using the compressed air device.	14 these documents that he's now referring to are
15 EARLE, Q.C.	15 the documents that were supplied pursuant to
16 Q. Okay. So they don't use it in the anticipated	16 the CAPP undertakings.
17 mode?	17 COMMISSIONER:
18 MR. SACUTA:	18 Q. Okay.
A. We don't train at the depths below one metro	e. 19 ROIL, Q.C.:
20 MR. VOKEY:	20 Q. We have had them for a while in our system,
21 A. But individuals are submerged -	but only yesterday was it agreed that they
22 MR. SACUTA:	22 would go into evidence. However, I now
23 A. Yeah.	23 understand this morning that the technology is
24 MR. VOKEY:	not allowing us to do it, or it wasn't as of
A and inverted, but less than one metre. So	9:00. It may be now. So we don't have access
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1 we had to come up with a specific training	1 to that electronically. I could step outside
2 program and equipment to mitigate any	2 and see whether that has happened in the
3 potential risk.	3 interim.
4 EARLE, Q.C.	4 COMMISSIONER:
5 Q. And is there provision for screening of	5 Q. This material was given to me this morning, as
6 certain people out of any use at all because	6 I came out here.
7 of potential medical problem?	7 ROIL, Q.C.:
8 MR. VOKEY:	8 Q. Yes, that's right. So all the parties have
9 A. I'm not a doctor, but the training has been	9 had access to the material. The problem is
10 demonstrated if it's less than a metre	10 the technology issue of getting it from our
11 we've been given assurance the risk is	11 one of our systems to the other system.
12 manageable if the training is done at less	12 COMMISSIONER:
13 than a metre.	13 Q. I see. Have the witnesses got this in front
14 EARLE, Q.C.	14 of them? You haven't?
15 Q. Now if I could turn to another area of the	15 MR. VOKEY:
16 CAPP process, and that is the whole business	16 A. No.
17 of worker participation in the task force, and	17 COMMISSIONER:
18 Mr. Barnes indicated that there was an initia	Q. I'd gladly make my copy available, if it's any
19 intention to have a worker representative on	19 assistance.
20 the task force and that the companies or the	20 REGISTRAR:
21 operators had decided that there was, or that	21 Q. Perhaps I can get a hard copy.
it was preferable to deal with this through	22 EARLE, Q.C.
23 the Occupational Health and Safety Commit	ees, 23 Q. Have these gentlemen got a copy?
and just refer you to a minute, and	24 MR. VOKEY:
25 unfortunately, I don't have slide numbers for	25 A. No.

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1 COMMISSIONER:	1 meeting minutes. That was the document Mr.
2 Q. Why don't I get someone to pass this along t	2 Earle referred to in his examination yesterday
3 -	3 afternoon.
4 REGISTRAR:	4 COMMISSIONER:
5 Q. Commissioner Wells, that is not quite	5 Q. All right, and these are going in by consent,
6 complete. There has to be something inserte	6 I understand.
7 in it. If you can give me a few minutes?	7 ROIL, Q.C.:
8 COMMISSIONER:	8 Q. The CAPP exhibits are going in with the
9 Q. Oh, okay.	9 consent of the CAPP legal counsel who are here
10 REGISTRAR:	10 today.
Q. Or unless you want to take the break right	11 COMMISSIONER:
12 now?	12 Q. Okay then, thank you. Please enter them.
13 COMMISSIONER:	13 EARLE, Q.C.
14 Q. What would you prefer, Mr. Earle? Perhaps	
15 ask -	15 which is from Mr. Barnes to various persons,
16 EARLE, Q.C.	16 subject HUEBA meeting summary notes, and if
Q. Well, I mean -	17 and again, Mr. Vokey, if you could draw your
18 COMMISSIONER:	18 attention to this in particular because I know
Q something else while this is being sorted	19 that this was during the period of time when
20 out or take a break?	20 you were operations manager and some of this
21 EARLE, Q.C.	21 appears to have, to some degree, come your
Q. Well, actually, this is my last topic with	22 way.
these witnesses.	23 On item number three, "some companies
24 COMMISSIONER:	have polled the worker reps on the JOHS
25 Q. I see.	25 committees and there appears to be a consensus
	Page 34 1 that the use of such devices is viewed as a
1 REGISTRAR:	
2 Q. It should only take a minute.	2 positive move, but there remains a number of
3 COMMISSIONER:	<ul> <li>training and other concerns, as outlined in</li> <li>the discussion document. It was decided that</li> </ul>
4 Q. All right. Let's take a brief break then and	
5 get it sorted out, so they have it in front of	5 a worker rep needed to be included on the
6 them, the representatives of the operators,	6 implementation committee. Action:" someone
7 and you have it. Okay.	7 "is designated to investigate the possibility
8 (BREAK)	8 of finding a worker rep volunteer." And so
9 ROIL, Q.C.:	9 that decision was made, but we understand from
Q. Commissioner, yes, during the break that w	-
just had, I'm pleased to advise you we've be	
able to under to get around, to work around	
some of our technology problems and we no	
believe, have the capacity to upload into the	14 through the Occupation Health and Safety
room the exhibit that Mr. Earle or the	15 committees system, and I'm I know from
document that Mr. Earle is referring to.	16 reviewing some of the Occupation Health and
17 However, that document is still not in	17 Safety Committee minutes of Suncor, at that
evidence formally, so I'm standing here now	
ask you to accept into evidence Exhibits	19 were solicited for this and there was actually
number P-120 through to 129. 120 through 1	28 20 a name put forward, Mr. Neary, and it's not
are CAPP exhibits. They are the responses to	21 apparent how it came to be that there was not
the various undertakings given by CAPP who	n 22 a representative from the minutes. Do you
they were giving evidence. Exhibit No. 129 i	understand that there was a decision made not
the letter from the C-NLOPB to PetroCanada 1	e: 24 to have a worker representative?
25 the Occupational Health and Safety Commit	ee 25 MR. VOKEY:

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1	A. No. First of all, I'd like to say	this the 1	A. Mr. Earle -
2	first time I've seen this docume	ent, and I'm 2	EARLE, Q.C.
3	not aware of what the history is	s, but as it 3	Q that's it. You haven't seen them.
4	relates to summary note number	r three, it talks 4	MR. SACUTA:
5	about a worker rep needed to b	e included in 5	A. Mr. Earle, I think up until yesterday
6	the implementation committee,	and when we look 6	afternoon, under the advice of Commission
7	at a new piece of equipment or	a new device 7	counsel, we were told that we would not be
8	such as this, there's really a r	number of 8	examined on these documents. So I think I can
9	committees. There is a selecti	on committee 9	speak for all of us, we have not had the
10	and that was the selection comm	nittee that Mr. 10	opportunity or the time, based on the fact we
11		•	found out yesterday afternoon that we would be
12			examined on these documents.
13	1 , , ,		EARLE, Q.C.
14	8,8		Q. Well, the question I have for you is how did
15			this happen, Mr. Vokey, that in 2003, Mr.
16	5		8
17	, I	-	
18	1		1
19			C
20			
21	1		representative and nothing happened.
22	1		MR. PRITCHARD:
23			
24	5		EARLE, Q.C.
25	EARLE, Q.C.	25	Q. Can you shed some light and I don't think
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1		1	you were here at the time, Mr. Pritchard.
	MR. VOKEY:		MR. PRITCHARD:
3		3	
1	EARLE, Q.C.		EARLE, Q.C.
5			
6	1		11
7			MR. VOKEY:
1	MR. VOKEY:	8	
9	5		
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11	the history. EARLE, Q.C.	11	reviewing why it took as long as it did for HUEBA will be forthcoming, a complete review.
1			
13	MR. VOKEY:	13 14	
14			EARLE, Q.C.
1	EARLE, Q.C.	15 16	
17			
18			MR. PRITCHARD:
19		-	A. Well, looking at the time line and my
20		-	
20		-	is such that the final decision for the device
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23		•	
24		23 24	-
I	MR. SACUTA:	25	
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1	implementation, and therefore the review of	of	1	and Safety Committee minutes for
2	this document here, 2003, and the question	n 2	2	Suncor/PetroCanada. I don't have anything for
3	about implementation committee is such that	it at 🛛 🔅	3	Husky. I have some documents which I was told
4	that time, a little premature, I believe, to	4	4	were Occupational Health and Safety Committee
5	go ahead with an implementation committee	e. 4	5	minutes for HMDC, but I don't think they can
6 EAR	LE, Q.C.	(	6	be. If they are, there's another serious
7 Q.	Well, Mr. Pritchard, I recommend to you th	iat 7	7	problem.
8	in your review of this process, you have a	8	8	But I'm not seeing in those documents any
9	look at what implementation committee mea	ant in 🛛 🤉	9	indication of a consultative process, their
10	this context, because I think if you review	10	0	input was being actively sought. So my
11	all the documents, you will see that it was a	11	1	question, in all sincerity, for you is what
12	much broader scope of effort than one wou			would you expect the process would be?
13	normally consider to be a matter of			RITCHARD:
14	implementation. I agree with you, I found	1 14	4 A.	My expectations would be that we would have
15	that name rather strange, but -	15	5	users of the suit engaged in the
16 MR.	PRITCHARD:	16	6	implementation and review of the HUEBA and
17 A.	Okay. I'll review the documents and get a	a 17	7	once we rolled out the HUEBA with the
18	better understanding of that and work with t	the 18	8	workforce after return to service, we had no
19	people and -	19	9	negative feedback in respect of that roll out
20 EAR		20	0	and implementation and use of the device.
21 Q.	And Mr. Barnes' evidence.	21	1	Everybody was pleased to see that device in
	SACUTA:	22	2	use.
23 A.	If I could just comment? We have alread			MISSIONER:
24	committed that CAPP is working on the term			I would remind everybody that when I made the
25	reference for a lessons learned exercise, and	1 25	5	ruling yesterday to permit questions on this
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1	the review of this documentation has to be	<b>)</b>	1	subject, it was only on the basis of what
2	part of that in order to understand the		2	these gentlemen knew, and I think we're
3	complete picture of the history of the time		3	confined to that if they know, they will tell
4	period that it took to implement the HUEBA		4	us. If they don't know, as I said to you
5	We've also suggested that the results of this		5	yesterday, that's a perfectly truthful
6	lessons learned will be a report which we		6	response.
7	expect with continuous improvement o			RITCHARD:
8	recommendations for continuous improver			Absolutely. Expectation -
9	and we think that's within the mandate of th		9 EARL	
10	Inquiry, which is to identify improvemen		0 Q.	Mr. Commissioner, I'm not asking the witnesses
11	opportunities for helicopter safety and not to			what they knew or didn't know at this point in
12	assign blame during this process.	12		time. I've given them the background, as I
13 EAR		13		understand it. I'm asking the witnesses that
-	Now let us assume that what Mr. Barnes tol			if a decision is made for worker input through
15	is correct and that there was a decision made			the Occupational Health and Safety Committee
16	to involve workers through the Occupation			structure -
17	Health and Safety Committee structure. Th			MISSIONER:
18	was how worker input was to be obtained in			Yes.
19	this HUEBA process. The question I have for		9 EARL	-
20	you, if that were in fact the decision, what	20		- what they would expect to see, how they
21	would you expect within your organization			would expect to see that, if you will, fleshed
22	would have happened if that were the case			out.
23	What would we find? Because I'll and I'			MISSIONER:
24	just tell you, and I'm not trying to blind	24		Of course, the other thing is who was here in
25	side anybody, but I have Occupational Hea	lth 25	5	2003.

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1 MR. VOKEY:	1	L (	of the operators. So again, this
2 A. I was here.	2	2 i	implementation committee would have been
3 MR. SACUTA:	3	3 1	premature. As I indicated, the final decision
4 A. I was here, but I was in an engineering	3 4	÷ ۲	was not made until January 2009 as to even
5 supervisory role working for Hibernia.	5		what the piece of equipment would be. So it
6 MR. PRITCHARD:	6	5 ·	would have been premature six years before
7 A. I was not here.	7		that to have an implementation committee when
8 EARLE, Q.C.	8		there was nothing to implement.
9 Q. Mr. Vokey was operations manager at the	time. 9	EARLE	
10 COMMISSIONER:	10		Well, let me follow through with that, Mr.
11 Q. Mr. Vokey would have -	11		Vokey. Are you then saying that in your view
12 MR. VOKEY:	12		that worker participation would only commence
13 A. Yes, sir.	13		at the implementation level? That worker
14 COMMISSIONER:	14		participation wouldn't be involved in
15 Q. Okay. Well, I can only come back to say,			selection, would not be involved in time
16 in a general way perhaps what one mig	-		table, would not be involved in training?
17 expect, but that has to be said, in this		MR. VO	C C
18 context, without knowledge of the	18		I think we've already said, Commissioner, this
19 circumstances.	19		was a very this particular one was a very
20 EARLE, Q.C.	20		complex issue and with respect to the word
21 Q. Well, I think the with respect, Mr.	20		"worker" there were users, people that
22 Commissioner, they know that the proje			regularly travelled offshore on behalf of the
23 started and the evidence of Mr. Barnes is t			companies. They also participated as part of
there was a decision made that worke			the selection. So people that would actually
25 participation would not be by a member or			ultimately end up using those devices were
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	0		involved, but it was a complex issue and that
1committee, that it would be through the2Occupational Health and Safety Comm			is part of the review as to why it took as
3 system, and what I would like to know fi			long as it did to implement.
4 these gentlemen, how they would expect		, EARLE	
			I mean, I would appreciate if you could answer
<ul> <li>mean, they're the boss, each one of them</li> <li>how they would expect that would occur.</li> </ul>	5		the question a bit more directly. I mean, do
7 COMMISSIONER:	7		because you would have to agree that the
	-		word "worker" here, as it is used here, is
<ul><li>9 to what they might expect or what they m</li><li>10 expect today.</li></ul>	-		referring to someone other than you all use different letters to identify them, an
1 2	10		•
<ul><li>11 EARLE, Q.C.</li><li>12 Q. I'd be interested in what -</li></ul>	11		environment health and safety person or the
	12		sorts of people who would be members of the
13 COMMISSIONER:	13		safety committee. When you're talking worker
14 Q. Can you answer?	14		there in this, surely it is understood to be
15 EARLE, Q.C.	15		someone other than those people.
16 Q they might expect today even.		5 MR. VO	
17 MR. VOKEY:	17		We look at people that use them and we do seek
18 A. The only thing I can say is that we do enga	-		input and there's different avenues for that.
19 users and our workforce. In this particula			I'd be speculating.
20 case, this issue was worked through comm		) EARLE	
21 and as has been provided earlier, we do kn			Either of you gentlemen have anything to offer
22 there was challenges with HUEBA and it			on that?
23 actually taken off the table from a CAPF		3 MR. SA	
24 perspective for a period of time while it wa			I think communications, and I think item
assessed from a medical perspective with e	each 25	5 1	number four on this document that you've

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1	brought up in some way addresses that each	1	workforce need to be involved with, either a
2	operator needed to keep workers informed of	2	good understanding and participation in some
3	progress on this issue through periodic	3	selections, and typically the suits and the
4	updates to the JOHS committees. We recognize	4	CSGB standards that have been improved, we
5	that the workforce needed to be kept appraised	5	have worker input towards those standards.
6	of the progress on this and I think that the	6	Once those standards are established and the
7	review of the JOHS committee minutes will show	7	suit manufacturers understand those particular
8	that over the period between 2003 and	8	standards, then we would expect our protocols
9	implementation in 2009, there are examples	9	of bid process to go through their normal
10	where we did keep the workforce informed of	10	course of events for the selection of a suit.
11	the progress of the HUEBA decision making	11	Now it might be that during the course of that
12	process. But as I've mentioned, we recognize	12	selection, and we hone it down to perhaps one
13	that the process took nine years and we're	13	or two, we will get some worker involvement to
14	taking the steps to evaluate that whole	14	trial out the suits. So there's an element of
15	process in our lessons learned.	15	input at the front end, but then once we get
16 EA	RLE, Q.C.	16	to that bid and evaluation technical piece in
17 (	Q. I hope you will make those minutes available	17	the middle, we expect our processes to take
18	to the Commission and as I say, I'm not	18	care of that and we will expect to have the
19	confident that I've seen yours, and I know I	19	worker involvement with that final overview of
20	haven't seen Husky's and I hope Husky will	20	the suit, I will call it.
21	make theirs available, because I think it is	21 MR. S	SACUTA:
22	important. We certainly feel it's important.	22 A.	I think we have well established processes in
23	This is perhaps a prime reason that Local 2121	23	place under which workers can express
24	is participating in this Inquiry, because we	24	concerns. There is a responsibility on all of
25	feel it is important that there be worker	25	our workers, whether they're our supervisors
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1	participation in the area of helicopter safety	1	or contractor employees, if they have concerns
2	and all matters going into helicopter safety.	2	to raise them either through their safety rep,
3	That they not simply be consumers, they be	3	through the JOHS committee or direct to their
4	participants, and I think that's an important	4	supervisor, as was done in the right to refuse
5	thing, Mr. Commissioner, for you to look at,	5	dangerous work situations. We have well
6	and you may guess, Mr. Vokey, that I think the	6	established processes in place in which worker
7	communication that happened, at least as far	7	input can be that worker can contribute to
8	as your organization as evidenced by the	8	their concerns associated with helicopter
9	Occupational Health and Safety Committee	9	safety or any other safety issue on the
10	minutes, is not a great example.	10	platform.
11	Now on the issue of worker participation	11 EARL	
12	generally in these sorts of issues, and I		Do you see it as being a worker-initiated
13	would like to compliment Husky because I have	13	participation through existing processes?
14	noticed that Husky has seen to it that an	14 MR. S	
15	ordinary worker is here for this Inquiry and I		It can be a worker or a manager initiated
16	compliment you on that. Generally, gentlemen,	16	concern. This is not us versus them. Safety
17	where do your companies see worker	17	is we, and we're all responsible for the
18	participation coming into issues of safety as	18	safety of ourselves and the people working
19	they relate to helicopters?	19	beside us.
	. PRITCHARD:	20 EARL	
	A. We expect the workforce to be engaged fully in		Mr. Vokey?
22	safety. It's everybody's duty and	22 MR. V	
23	responsibility to be engaged in safety. I		We all take great strides to communicate with
24	think there are certain elements of safety and	24	our workforce and I just want to make sure we
25	features of safety equipment that the	25	do understand that. In terms of a go-forward

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1 with respect to not only, as Mr. Sacuta s	aid, 1		involvement, whether it's in some of the
2 helicopter matters, but all safety matters,	, we 2		things like focus groups that have been
3 do endeavour to engage our workforce	to the 3		discussed with Ms. Turner's efforts or whether
4 greatest extent that we can. Is it an area	a 4		it is in some of the other investigations that
5 that we can continuously improve on? I	think 5		the Commission is going to undertake. I'm
6 we need to take a look at it, but we d	lo 6		asking you, each of you, for your companies,
7 engage, and I just want to make sure w	ve're 7		will you commit that there will be no
8 clear on that. This is not about an us an	nd 8		impediment by way of a loss of pay or status
9 them. Collectively, we're all there and	if 9		or anything else to worker participation in
10 it's an area that we can improve on, we	e'll 10		the future processes of this Inquiry?
11 certainly look at it.	11	MR. PF	RITCHARD:
12 EARLE, Q.C.	12	А.	We fully support the Phase 1B of the Inquiry
13 Q. Gentlemen, would you accept that curre	ent day 13		and of course, we don't know the full shape
14 thinking on safety issues takes as a bas			and size of that 1B and we'll take that at
15 premise that worker involvement in			face value when it comes to us and analyze
16 processes and in development of saf	fety 16		where best place the various individuals need
17 principles and application of them is key	y to 17		to be. For Husky, if we see workforce
18 their legitimacy and gives you a better re	esult 18		engagement, there will be no loss of pay.
19 than a top down approach?	19	EARLE	E, Q.C.
20 MR. VOKEY:	20		So are you saying you're going to decide
21 A. I think, if I -	21		whether it's meritorious for a worker to
22 MR. PRITCHARD:	22		involve himself in the participation in this
A. In my testimony, I fully engaged that.			Inquiry?
looked at the people, equipment and pro-			RITCHARD:
25 I emphasized the fact that it is people wi	thin 25	A.	We'll look at the various stages, because if
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1 each of those categories that really matter	1		there's a I don't know, a specific very
2 and engagement at all levels, whether it be a			technical piece of work that might come about
3 design engineer or a worker at the work phase			and potentially workforce engagement might not
4 it's important for people engagement for the			be appropriate at that particular time.
5 overall safety.	5	EARLE	
6 MR. VOKEY:	6		But surely if that's for the Inquiry to
7 A. If I can just comment? We do not manage fr			decide, isn't it?
8 a top down. As I indicated when we started			RITCHARD:
9 this process, I've been in this industry	9		Husky will -
10 almost 30 years and I've seen light years of		EARLE	
11 progress in worker engagement, user engage			You know, I'm obviously not suggesting to you
12 and engagement of stakeholders. Are we wh			that somebody in catering try and design a
13 we need to be? I don't think you can answe			helicopter. What I'm talking about is as I
14 that question. We continuously strive to	14		understand how this Inquiry will go forward,
15 improve our communication and engagement			there will be and we have been assured that
16 our workforce.	16		there will be opportunities for individual
17 EARLE, Q.C.	17		worker participation, whether it's in, as I
18 Q. Mr. Sacuta, do you have any -	18		say, a focus group or whether it's by a survey all sorts of things, and I know from
19 MR. SACUTA:	19		survey, all sorts of things, and I know from
20 A. I support, echo the comments of the other tw			dealing with employers over the years that
21 on the panel.	21		often the first thing that comes to mind with
22 EARLE, Q.C.	22		an employer when somebody is being asked to
23 Q. The next phases of this Inquiry will, from	d 23		participate in that, you know, is the lost time, who's going to pay the wages. And I am
<ul><li>time to time, provide opportunity for, and I'd</li><li>suggest, the need for individual worker</li></ul>			asking you gentlemen to commit for your
25 suggest, the need for individual worker	25		asking you gentiemen to commit for your

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1 comp	panies that if the Inquiry wants people to	1	ass	sist.
2 partic	cipate, then in fact there will be no	2	COMMIS	SIONER:
3 imped	diment, that you'll continue to pay their	3	Q. So	, I mean, we're going to do that.
4 wage	s.	4	EARLE, Ç	).C.
5 MR. VOKEY	:	5	Q. Ar	nd I understand from at least the interview
6 A. And	I guess I can just second what Mr.	6	wi	th Ms. Turner with me that she's
7 Pritch	hard said. I mean, there's going to be a	7	CO	ntemplating some more extensive processes
8 lot of	personal interest, a lot of special	8	lik	e focus groups.
	est, a lot of group initiatives and as	9	COMMIS	SIONER:
-	tors, and I think I said it earlier this	10	Q. Oł	n yes.
	ing, ultimately the operator, the person	11	EARLE, Ç	).C.
	olds the operating license, is the only	12		hich literally are going to mean hours of
13 one th	hat's accountable with the regulatory	13		volvement, and I hope, gentlemen, and I
-	. So the operators need some input into	14		n't won't have any involvement with you,
-	process also. Where we feel there's	15		r. Pritchard, on this one, but those, two of
	or potential value, we'll certainly	16	-	u who deal with Local 2121, that we won't be
17 engag	ge and we have in the past and we'll	17		a situation where people are told "yeah,
18 conti	nue to do that.	18	-	u can do a focus group if you do it on your
9 EARLE, Q.C.		19	tin	ne off."
-	ou're not prepared to defer to the	20	MR. VOK	
	mission?	21	A. Ne	either one of us are punitive organizations.
22 MR. VOKEY			MR. SAC	
	, I can't you haven't given me anything	23		nd I think you would be aware that we'll
-	fic to commit to, so once we see what the	24		rtainly support the Inquiry and will
25 initia	tives are, we'll determine if we feel	25	cei	rtainly follow what is written into our
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	's value in it.	1		llective agreement, as far as how we handle
2 COMMISSIO		2		ose employees.
	aps I could help here. Everybody knows	3	EARLE, Ç	
	ve're doing the risk assessment through	4		r. Sacuta, that's the point. The collective
	safe. We have at the at two JOHS	5	•	reement doesn't contemplate this exercise.
	ings, there must have there were	6		is is an extraordinary exercise, and I hope
-	ably 50 or 60 people at each meeting and	7		at you and your company will recognize that
	ave, on behalf of Aerosafe, without	8		s is an extraordinary exercise and that you
	nent really, submitted forms to what, 100	9		ay have to have different rules as it applies
• •	le, and they were given back to us and	10		this.
	ediately sent to Aerosafe and Aerosafe will		MR. SAC	
	where very shortly interviewing all	12		e're certainly committed to supporting the
	of people at the managerial level and at	13		quiry.
	orker level, and I know of no impediment.		MR. VOK	
15 MR. VOKEY		15		nd with respect to engagement, as I indicated
	e's no impediment from Suncor's	16	-	sterday, we engage, through the Occupational
	ective.	17		ealth and Safety Committees. They represent
18 MR. SACUTA		18		erybody that works offshore, notwithstanding
	e would be no resistance from HMDC to that	19		hat their affiliation is, and we will be
20 at all.		20		gaging our Occupational Health and Safety
21 MR. VOKEY		21		ommittees.
	are committed to this process,		EARLE, C	
	missioner, and any value that we think we	23		ank you, gentlemen.
	dd as organizations, either individually		MR. VOK	
25 or co	ollectively, I mean, we are here to	25	A. Th	ank you.

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1 COMMISSIONER:		1 MS. O	'BRIEN
2 Q. Thank you, Mr. Earle. Now Ms. O'Brien, if you		2 Q.	And from time to time, so would those pilots,
3 have some questions?		3	from time to time, have to spend a more
4 MS. O'BRIEN		4	significant period of time on your
5 Q. Yes, I do, Commissioner.		5	installations because of, you know, they can't
6 COMMISSIONER:		6	fly out or, you know, do they ever have to
7 Q. Okay.	,	7	overnight?
8 MR. TREVOR PRITCHARD, MR. PAUL SACUTA, MR. GARY VOKE	Y,	8 MR. P	RITCHARD:
9 EXAMINATION BY MS. KATE O'BRIEN		9 A.	Occasionally, the pilots may stay on board.
10 ms. o'brien	10	0	If we put a helicopter out for a specific time
11 Q. Thank you. Thank you, panel. Kate O'Brien,	1	1	period, so a fly in and fly out on the same
12 I'm here representing the families of the	12	2	day, for instance, the pilots may be on board
13deceased flight crew. I understand from your	1.	3	for a number of hours.
14 presentation to date on numerous occasions	14	4 MS. O	
15 that you all certainly take the position that	1:	5 Q.	So I know that we've had very detailed
16 it is the operators who are responsible for	1	6	evidence about how you oversee and ensure that
17 safety of the offshore workforce, and I take	1'	7	these workers are you know, they have the
18 it from that that when you talk about the	1	8	basic survival training, that they're using
19 offshore workforce, you're not just talking	1	9	the HUEBA, that they're you know, all the
20 about your own direct employees. You're	20	0	programs with the suits and whatnot. Do you
21 talking about the employees of your	2	1	do that type of you know, are you looking
22 contractors who work offshore as well. Is	22	2	at the pilots and flight crew as well for
23 that correct?	2.	3	those types of things? Do you oversee that?
24 MR. VOKEY:	24	4 MR. P	RITCHARD:
25 A. That's correct.	2:	5 A.	Through an audit function, we would look at
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1 MR. SACUTA:		1	the Cougar records to establish the requisite
2 A. That is correct.		2	training requirements for the pilots.
3 MR. PRITCHARD:		3 MS. O	'BRIEN
4 A. That's correct.		4 Q.	Okay. So when you're saying that through your
5 MS. O'BRIEN		5	audit function, so will you periodically audit
6 Q. So when you talk about taking that		6	Cougar to ensure that they are operating in a
7 responsibility over those contract employe	ees,	7	way that you're satisfied with and that is
8 would that include the employees of Coug	gar?	8	consistent with your contract with them?
9 MR. VOKEY:		9 MR. P	RITCHARD:
10 A. It would if as it relates to our operating	1	0 A.	Correct.
11 installations, yes.	1	1 MR. S	ACUTA:
12 MS. O'BRIEN	12	2 A.	Including reviewing training requirements,
13 Q. What do you mean by that, Mr. Vokey?	1.	3	night flight currencies, all the issues that
14 MR. VOKEY:	14	4	are contractual, as well as would normally be
15 A. Where they're on our installations, whe	ere 1	5	covered under their certification
16 they're coming into our installations, whe	ere 1	6	requirements, in terms of having the required
17 they require the support of our other servi		7	number of landings to meet, for example, are
as part of their operations. Where they'r		8	specific aviation operations guided
19 under our control, we do take responsibili	ty, 19	9	requirements.
20 yes.	20	0 MS. O	
21 MR. SACUTA:	2	1 Q.	Okay. So would that include an assessment of,
22 A. For example, during refuelling of the		2	say, the survival training of pilots? So not
23 helicopter would be an example of where		3	training that's, you know, specifically
take the responsibilities to ensure that it is	s 24	4	required for actually you know, it's not
done properly and safely.	2:	5	flight training, but the survival training.

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1 Do you have a requirement that the pilots	stake 1	five-day BST course. Now I noticed this,
2 the basic survival training?	2	obviously this discrepancy in his testimony in
3 MR. SACUTA:	3	this ASR report here and I spoke to him about
4 A. It's my understanding that pilots do com		it in the past day. Yesterday I brought it to
5 the basic survival training.	5	his attention, and he came back to me this
6 MR. VOKEY:	6	morning and said well, maybe he got it wrong.
7 A. Yeah.	7	He's not sure, but at that time, that's
8 MS. O'BRIEN	8	certainly what his understanding had been.
9 Q. Is that a requirement of yours?	9	Are you able any of you able to comment on
10 MR. SACUTA:	10	that?
11 A. It would be a requirement to be on or	-	R. SACUTA:
12 facility, and I'm sure it's a contractual		A. It's my understanding that they've completed
requirement. I'm not positive. I would		the five-day and they maintain that
14 expect it's a contractual requirement in o		certification as per any other employee who
15 contract.	15	goes offshore.
16 MS. O'BRIEN	_	S. O'BRIEN
17 Q. The reason why I ask, and I don't know		Q. Okay. And in order to stay by your own
18 you're aware, certainly when I looked at		regulations, your own requirements, in order
19 we could maybe bring up Exhibit 0011		for them to spend any time on your
20 which was the ASR team report, the subs		installations, they have to have that full
20 which was the ASK team report, the subst 21 the HOTF report? 200.	20	five-day training? Is that correct?
22 REGISTRAR:		R. VOKEY:
23 Q. 200.		A. Unless we have exemption processes that's
-		
24 ROIL, Q.C.:	24	rarely used, but if they are going to be on
25 Q. Right at the bottom.	25	our facility, they would require the training.
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1 MS. O'BRIEN		S. O'BRIEN:
2 Q. And if you could go to page 18 of that re	-	Q. Okay, but you just said
3 please? And if you could just excuse me		R. PRITCHARD:
4 going to get my water. Thank you. Okay	·	A. One day, of course, as the Commissioner went
5 if you could scroll down a bit, there is a		out, a one-day survival course would give them
6 section here that indicates what Mr. Sac		a six day exemption for offshore, to go
7 has just indicated about the it should b		offshore.
8 on page 18, yeah, on page 18 which you		S. O'BRIEN:
9 now. There is a section there that covers		Q. Okay, so if a pilot was only going to be out
10 BST training. There we go. I see it comi	•	there for can you explain the exemptions?
11 up. So it says there, I'm just reading fro		Are these exemptions that work for pilots?
12 the top of the page there, "initial general		R. VOKEY:
13ground training for all newly hired pilots		A. We have in the past I think Mr. Sacuta
14 either the Sikorsky S-61N or the S-9		talked to the other day, in the past,
15 commences with one week of ground		depending if the individual was just going out
16 classroom training followed by a week of		for a one time visit, there was a potential
17 at the Marine Institute in St. John's." Nov		for an exemption, and these are reviewed with
18 don't know if either of you gentlemen h		the regulator on a regular basis, but these
19 the testimony from Mr. Rutherford and	Mr. 19	exemptions would not apply to pilots. In
20 Harvey from the Marine Institute, but at t	that 20	fact, I don't know of any current cases where
21 time, I asked I think Mr. Rutherford	<b>1</b> 21	we give people exemptions.
22 specifically about what type of training t	he 22 MS	S. O'BRIEN:
23 pilots took and his understanding, at that	at 23	Q. Okay, so the pilots from your point of
time, was that the pilots only took a one-	day 24	view, the pilots have to have the full five
25 HUET training. That they didn't do the fu	ull 25	days?

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1 MR. VOKEY:	1 MR. SACUTA:
2 A. That's my understanding, yes.	2 A. I'm not aware of an engagement.
3 MS. O'BRIEN:	3 MR. PRITCHARD:
4 Q. All right, and what about you know, I know	4 A. I was actually unaware that they didn't wear
5 that you have described a system in place	5 them.
6 whereby anyone who's going offshore, there's	a 6 MS. O'BRIEN:
7 check to make sure that their BST is up to	7 Q. Pardon?
8 date, that they don't require a refresher or	8 MR. PRITCHARD:
9 what not. Do you do that kind of tracking for	9 A. I was unaware that the pilots did not wear
10 the pilots, or do you just leave that up to	10 them.
11 Cougar?	11 MS. O'BRIEN:
12 MR. VOKEY:	12 Q. Okay. So would you consider that something
13 A. I think it's fair to say it will be left to	13 that is in the sole purview of Cougar, that's
14 Cougar. I'm not sure if the pilots are in the	14 something that the operators really are not
15 database or not.	and should not be concerned with, what kind of
16 MR. PRITCHARD:	16 safety equipment the pilots are using?
17 A. I'm unaware of the pilots being in a the	17 MR. SACUTA:
18 database.	18 A. I think it would be difficult for the
19 MR. SACUTA:	19 operators to determine what risk that would
A. I believe we leave that up to Cougar.	20 expose the pilots to in terms of their ability
21 MS. O'BRIEN:	21 to continue to maintain control of the
22 Q. Would the same go for medical examinations?	22 helicopter. I think that's something that
23 MR. SACUTA:	23 Cougar specifically has to look at as part -
24 A. Correct.	24 if they're going to introduce that for their
25 MS. O'BRIEN:	25 pilots, they're best suited to understand any
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1 Q. Do you know if the pilots are using the HUEBA	1 consequences of implementing that equipment on
2 devices?	2 their flight suits for their pilots.
3 MR. SACUTA:	3 MS. O'BRIEN:
4 A. They are not.	4 Q. Okay, so you're saying it's not your
5 MS. O'BRIEN:	5 responsibility?
6 Q. They're not using the HUEBA devices?	6 MR. SACUTA:
7 MR. SACUTA:	7 A. Correct.
8 A. My understanding is the pilots are not using	8 MS. O'BRIEN:
9 HUEBA.	9 Q. Okay. I suppose similarly with the flight
10 MS. O'BRIEN:	10 suits, do you take any involvement in the
11 Q. Do you know why that is?	11 flight suit selection for the pilots?
12 MR. SACUTA:	12 MR. VOKEY:
13 A. I do not.	13 A. No, we don't.
14 MS. O'BRIEN:	14 MR. SACUTA:
15 Q. Do you know who would know why that is?	15 A. As part of our annual audits, though, one of
16 MR. SACUTA:	16 the components they look at is that they're
17 A. I think it's a discussion for Cougar.	17 using certified suits and certified life
18 MR. VOKEY:	18 vests, and the suits are different than the
19 A. It would be Cougar.	19 suits that our passengers travel in.
20 MS. O'BRIEN:	20 MR. VOKEY:
21 Q. Have the operators ever engaged Cougar on tha	
<ul><li>issue, whether or not the pilots would be</li><li>using HUEBA?</li></ul>	22 MR. SACUTA:
23 using HUEBA? 24 MR. VOKEY:	<ul><li>A. They are certified by Transport Canada.</li><li>24 MS. O'BRIEN:</li></ul>
24 MR. VOKEY: 25 A. Not to my knowledge.	24 MS. O BRIEN: 25 Q. So your audits, you ensure that they have
25 A. NOU TO MY KITOWICUEC.	25 Q. 50 your audits, you ensure that they have

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1 certified suits and certified life vests, but	1 MS.	O'BRIEN:
2 not the HUEBA, not helmets, right?	2 (	o. Okay. I know we had somewhere in your
3 MR. VOKEY:	3	presentation, I don't know if it was in the
4 A. Well, HUEBA is a new device, and I think,	you 4	presentation or in someone's answer that the
5 know, we need to better understand that	it 5	flight suits that the pilots do wear have the
6 through Cougar as to the reasoning why.	6	thermal equivalent of the helicopter passenger
7 MS. O'BRIEN:	7	transport suits. Do you know whether that's
8 Q. Okay, I understood that's what you said.	I 8	the same if they have the same I don't
9 just wanted to make sure that there's some	9	know if water gets into them, whether they
10 you know, what I'm hearing is there's so		still have that same thermal properties. Do
11 safety devices that you, as operators, ensur		you know if they have the same types of seals
12 that the pilots are using and some that you		and things that the helicopter passenger suits
don't consider it to be your concern. So I		do?
14 understand that certified flight suits is your		VOKEY:
15 concern, yes?		A. I've got no personal knowledge of that, but
16 MR. VOKEY:	16	when I have talked to Cougar specifically,
17 A. That's correct.	17	they did indicate there were at least two
18 MS. O'BRIEN:	18	different suits that had certification that
19 Q. Having life vests is your concern?	19	they were using, the pilots were using.
20 MR. VOKEY:	-	O'BRIEN:
21 A. Certified life vests, yes.		0. Okay, that's something I can speak with
22 MS. O'BRIEN:	21 0	Cougar, okay. You spoke a bit about as part
23 Q. Certified life vests. Having HUEBA or	22 23	of your return to service process, that you
-		made some revisions you looked at and made
<ul><li>24 breathing apparatus is not your concern?</li><li>25 MR. SACUTA:</li></ul>	24 25	some revisions to the search and rescue
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1 A. It's not a regulatory requirement, whereas		capabilities and the first response of Cougar,
2 certified life suits and certified life vests	2	and I believe that you said that one of the
3 are.	3	things that you had done was to decrease the
4 MS. O'BRIEN:	4	core group, or just have a core group of
5 Q. Okay, and what about helmets?	5	pilots who had the search and rescue training,
6 MR. VOKEY:	6	and to increase the amount of training for
7 A. Again that would be whether or not there v		those pilots? If you could just I might
8 certification requirement by Transport Can		not have stated that correctly.
9 for the pilots, you know, to wear helmets of	or 9 MR	PRITCHARD:
10 not. I don't think, as operators, it's not		A. Yeah, I delivered that. We did take a core
11 our business to say whether or not pilots		group of pilots. There's a certain number of
12 should or should not wear them. They're	way 12	hours that are allocated for training, and,
13 outside of our expertise.	13	therefore, a smaller group of pilots and SAR
14 MS. O'BRIEN:	14	technicians working towards those hours just
15 Q. Okay, so really the only two pieces of	15	enhances their training.
16 equipment that you're concerned with are	the 16 MS.	O'BRIEN:
17 life vests and that they're wearing certified	17 (	Okay. So now there's sort of a set a
18 flight suits?	18	smaller group of personnel who get that
19 MR. VOKEY:	19	specific training?
20 A. To ensure that they meet all certification	20 MR	PRITCHARD:
21 requirements.		A. Correct.
22 MR. SACUTA:		VOKEY:
23 A. We're concerned with any equipment that		A. Cougar actually identified it as a continuous
24 regulatory requirement under which the		improvement initiative. They felt, as an
25 operate.	25	organization, they could enhance their
		, , , .,

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1 capabilities by using less numbers, but mo	ore 1	less than that requirement.
2 hours on fewer individuals to provide their	ir 2	2 MS. O'BRIEN:
3 first response provision service.	3	Q. Do you know how that do you know what the
4 MS. O'BRIEN:	4	4 requirements are I don't know of the
5 Q. Okay. So am I to understand it, before that	at 5	5 Department of National Defence would have a
6 everybody had some training, and now it	t's 6	6 similar requirement for response time once
7 fewer people have more training?	7	7 they get a call, if they have a wheels up time
8 MR. VOKEY:	8	8 that they're guided by, or whether they're
9 A. That's my understanding, but again Cou	gar 9	9 guided by their international treaties, you
10 would be able to speak to the specifics.	10	know. Do you have any idea of what their
11 MS. O'BRIEN:	11	1 was there any comparison made?
12 Q. Okay, and so I know you talked about how	v now 12	2 MR. PRITCHARD:
13 there is always a helicopter ready and waiti	ing 13	A. We don't know the DND requirements, so when
14 in case of an emergency event. Is that the	e  14	4 DND take the stand, that's best a question
15 same for a pilot, is one of these SAR trained	i, 15	5 addressed to them.
16 specialized SAR trained pilots always on ca	ll? 16	6 MS. O'BRIEN:
17 MR. PRITCHARD:	17	7 Q. Okay. So part of your considerations in
18 A. That's correct. The group go on rotar., so	) 18	8 deciding the one hour response time maximum
19 they are available.	19	9 did not include finding out what DND does and
20 MS. O'BRIEN:	20	a comparison of those numbers?
21 Q. Sorry, the group	21	1 MR. SACUTA:
22 MR. PRITCHARD:	22	2 A. We certainly know what DND states their
A. The group are on, you know, rotation.	23	3 response times are. Between 8 and 4 o'clock
24 MS. O'BRIEN:	24	4 on weekdays, their response time is 30
25 Q. Rotation.	25	5 minutes, and after hours and on weekends,
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1 MR. PRITCHARD:	1	1 their response time is two hours, their quoted
2 A. I can't give you the exact rotation, but that	2	2 maximum response times. They also have
3 core group are on rotation.	3	demonstrated the ability to have wheels up in
4 MS. O'BRIEN:	4	4 less than that, but I think DND is best suited
5 Q. Okay, and I think, Mr. Sacuta, you had said at	5	5 to answer those specific questions on response
6 one point that the you talked about the one	6	6 times.
7 hour wheels up time, which was one of these	7	7 MS. O'BRIEN:
8 other post March 12th changes, and you had	8	8 Q. Okay, thank you. Now just for the final area
9 said that that was a decision made by the	9	of questioning, and this would be if I
10 operators to go with the one hour wheels up	10	could ask to have brought up, Exhibit
11 time. So I would just like you to maybe give	11	1 P000/117402, and these are the responses to
12 us a little bit more information about what	12	2 the questions from the JOHS Committees.
13 considerations went into your decision to make	2 13	Before I go to the specific question, please
14 it a one hour wheels up time?	14	4 correct me if I'm wrong, these are questions
15 MR. SACUTA:	15	5 that workers submitted through their JOHS
16 A. The considerations that would have went into	16	6 Committees to the operators after the March
17 that determination was the period of time it	17	7 12th incident, and then you eventually
18 would take to ready the on location aircraft,	18	supplied answers and posted questions and
19 to file a flight plan, and be able to launch	19	answers, correct?
20 successfully with all the required equipment	20	0 MR. VOKEY:
21 in the aircraft. The commitment in our	21	A. That's correct.
22 operations plan for a Hibernia perspective is	22	2 MR. SACUTA:
23 a maximum of one hour, but, you know, Couga	ar 23	5 5 1
24 has demonstrated and had demonstrated on Ma	rch 24	
25 12th that they were able to exceed that, or be	25	5 individuals that submitted questions directly

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1 to me which I then forwarded on to the tea	am 1	from the S-92A.
2 that was looking at compiling those question	ons. 2 MR. V	OKEY:
3 MS. O'BRIEN:	3 A.	I don't have any knowledge of that.
4 Q. Sure, okay. So if we can maybe go to Ques	stion 4 MS. O'	BRIEN:
5 91, and I'll preface this by saying my	5 Q.	Okay, that was his testimony. I'm just
6 questions in this regard may seem very	6	telling you that's what he said.
7 specific, but they're intended to get at sort	7 MR. V	
8 of two larger issues, and one of them is this		Yeah, yeah, I have no knowledge of that.
9 fidelity requirement which I know that in y		
10 conclusions you put forward as one of th		And he seemed to be confident in that, but I
11 issues to be looked at going forward, fidelit	•	found it interesting, he was not aware of what
12 between training and the helicopters that ar		it took to remove the windows in the HUET, and
13 actually used, and the other deals with		he did not know whether the force required to
14 communications. So you I think everyor		remove a window in the HUET was more or less
15 identified that Question 91, sorry, I don't		than the force required to remove a window in
16 have a page number		an S-92A. So I suppose the let me go back.
17 REGISTRAR:		I would assume this question was asked by
18 Q. 91?		someone who probably had some concern that
19 MS. O'BRIEN:		they wouldn't be able to remove the window,
20 Q. Question 91, yes.		right?
21 REGISTRAR:	21 MR. V	
22 A. Page 22.		That's correct.
<ul><li>23 MS. O'BRIEN:</li><li>24 Q. There we go. So Question 91, someone a</li></ul>	23 MS. O' sked 24 Q.	Yes, and, you know, you had said that the
how hard is it to remove a window in the		windows can be pushed out easily in your
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1 92A, and the answer given is that, "The 2 windows are designed to be pushed out eas		answer, but, you know, Mr. Rutherford testified that in the HUET training, his
	•	testimony was that for the HUET training, it
<ul> <li>in an emergency". Do any of you have any</li> <li>what in generating that answer to this</li> </ul>		was not easy. Those are his words, "not easy
5 question, what inquires would have been m		to push out a window", and he did say that
6 what you would have done?		some trainees had difficulty doing it, okay.
7 MR. VOKEY:		Are any of you aware of that?
8 A. I can probably speak to that. Cougar actual		
9 did some demonstrations, you know, in t	-	I'm not aware of that.
10 helicopters showing, you know, what it too		RITCHARD:
11 remove the windows, and if I recall correct		I'd be surprised at that too.
12 there were even videos taken demonstrating	•	_
13 ease at which the windows could be remov	-	Okay.
14 MR. SACUTA:	14 MR. SA	-
15 A. We certainly discussed this particular	15 A.	If that's what the testimony was, that's what
16 question with Cougar to get their response		it was.
17 this question.	17 MR. SA	ACUTA:
18 MS. O'BRIEN:	18 A.	Was he talking about the S-92 or about the
19 Q. I don't know if any of you were present wh	ien I 19	HUET?
20 was questioning Mr. Rutherford and Mr. H	arvey 20 MS. O'	BRIEN:
21 from the Marine Institute, but I did ask the		About the HUET.
22 some questions regarding removal of wind		ACUTA:
and I think the testimony of Mr. Rutherfor		Okay.
24 was that they knew from Cougar that it tak		
25 40 pounds per square inch to remove a wir	ndow 25 Q.	So he didn't he said with the HUET, he

Page 85 1 didn't know what kind of force, he didn't know 1 windows are released in ai	Page 87
1 didn't know what kind of force, he didn't know 1 windows are released in ai	1 450 07
	ir.
2 if it was more or less than the S-92, but he 2 MR. SACUTA:	
3 said it's not easy and he did say that some 3 A. The training is for a control	olled ditching.
4 people do have trouble with it, okay. So it 4 MS. O'BRIEN:	
5 could be the type of person who had trouble 5 Q. Okay, all right. The series	of questions that
6 with it on the HUET might be the very type of 6 I'm asking you is really to	raise for you, as
7 person who would have put that question 7 you're looking at and fo	or the Commissioner,
8 through to you for a response, right. So you 8 as you're looking at some	of these issues of
9 have a very different answer, obviously, than 9 fidelity and communication	on to people, you
10 what Mr. Rutherford's experience is with the 10 know, my concern is t	-
11 HUET. I know we're talking about two 11 communicating in a quest	
12 different pieces of equipment here. One of 12 it's easy, don't worry abo	
13 the we're talking here I would suppose 13 make from the evidence	we've had to date,
14 in the demonstrations you had from Cougar, 14 that may not completely	
15 we're talking about forced push out windows 15 we've heard from the train	e e
16when you're not submerged, right?16an issue that's worth some	-
17 MR. VOKEY:17to ensure that people who	-
18A. That's correct, but that's also taught in the18real expectations of what r	
19basis survival training.If you're got19an emergency and they have	
20 pressure, water pressure against the window, 20 can do it themselves, and i	
21 it's different than if it's just in air. The 21 are thinking right away of	of an alternative
22 intent is for the training and for what we're 22 that's suitable for them.	
23 taught is that as soon as the helicopter 23 MR. PRITCHARD:	
touches down on the water, that the windows 24 A. Thank you for that identified	
25 and the rotors stop, that the windows are 25 unaware of that particular	
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1     popped in air, not in water.     1     sure we'll look at it.	
2 MS. O'BRIEN: 2 MS. O'BRIEN: 2 MS. O'BRIEN:	
3 Q. Sorry, you're saying your people are trained 3 Q. Right, and if I might just have	
4 not to try to push out the windows once 4 review my notes, but I belie	
5 submerged? 5 those are the extent of my qu	lestions. Thank
6 MR. VOKEY: 6 you very much.	
7 A. No, what I'm saying is they're taught that 7 COMMISSIONER: 8 when the believenter touches down on the water 8 O. Thark you Mc O'Drien N	[
8 when the helicopter touches down on the water 8 Q. Thank you, Ms. O'Brien. N and as soon as the windows potentially	
9and as soon as the windows potentially9parties being examined, have10there's no potential to create a hazard with10any order between you?	e you decided on
11the rotors, when the rotors are stopped,11 MR. WALLACE:12people are taught to release their windows.12Q. Commissioner, did you ask	counsel for the
12   people are taught to release then windows.   12   Q. Commissioner, did you ask     13   MS. O'BRIEN:   13   families?	counsel for the
13 MS. O BRIEN.13 MS. O BRIEN.14 Q. As soon as possible, of course.14 COMMISSIONER:	
14Q. As soon as possible, of course.14Commissioner.15MR. VOKEY:15Q. You're quite right, yes, yes	Actually
16A. As soon as possible after touching down, yes.16counsel for the families in the	
17MS. O'BRIEN:17before counsel for the estates	
17171818Q. Okay, all right. So are they I suppose1818That's where I made the mist	-
19 there could be an instance where a helicopter 19 have gone before you, yes.	
20 ditches in such a way that there is not that 20 MS. BATTCOCK:	
21 moment in time to do it before you submerge 21 Q. Good morning, Commissione	er, Allison Battcock
22 too? 22 for the families of the decease	
23 MR. VOKEY:23and we have no questions.	1 0 7
A. I guess it's possible, but that's not what the 24 COMMISSIONER:	
25 training contemplates. It contemplates the 25 Q. Okay, thank you. Now couns	sel for the parties?

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Ms. Strickland. No. Okay then, I don't w	vant 1	you've been in it. I'm not talking about the
2 to question you, but I would like to discus	ss 2	industry in the technical sense of extracting
3 with you, you know. Firstly, coming bac	k to 3	oil, but in terms of safety, I'd be interested
4 the issue of the surveys and the risk	4	in hearing from any of you, any of the three,
5 management that we have engaged Aero	safe to 5	about that, where have we come from, because
6 do, you know we've already started, of co	ourse, 6	we're looking ahead and this Inquiry has to
7 I'm sure you know that	7	look ahead.
8 MR. VOKEY:	8	MR. VOKEY:
9 A. Yes.	9	A. Maybe if I can start, if I take a look at the
10 COMMISSIONER:	10	equipment that we use today, the helicopter
11 Q. And to my knowledge, it's an ongoing pr	rocess 11	suits, the survival suits, the enhancements
12 and Ms. Turner will be back and/or people	e with 12	that we use like HUEBA, they are light years
13 her company and expecting to interview	all 13	from what we had when I started almost 30
14 sorts of people to ask questions of them ri	ght 14	years ago. The types of vessels we use, the
15 throughout your organizations. Now I de	on't 15	fast rescue craft that are supported today,
16 know people perhaps don't love peopl	e to 16	there was nothing like that 30 years ago. The
17 come prying about, but we're talking ab	out 17	training that our employees and contractors
18 safety, we're not talking about proprietar	ry 18	receive, again there's no comparison in terms
19 interests, money, or anything like that, bu	ıt 19	of safety training today and technical
20 safety as it relates to helicopter offshore	20	training compared to what it was 30 years ago.
21 transport. I take it there is no problem with	th 21	If you take a look at our life boat systems
22 that?	22	and the quality of that, you know, there are
23 MR. PRITCHARD:	23	significant changes in that area. I think
A. None whatsoever.	24	it's fair to say in our industry, you know, 20
25 MR. SACUTA:	25	to 30 years ago it was, as I think Mr. Earle
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1 A. We're here to fully support the Inquiry.	1	said, a top down type of organization, and all
2 COMMISSIONER:	2	organizations I mean, it was there was a
3 Q. Okay.	3	hierarchy that is not there today. We engage
4 MR. VOKEY:	4	our workforce today here on the east coast,
5 A. And in terms of our history, we're all used		1 1
6 either internal audits, external audits, with		
7 regulators. That is a normal part of our		
8 business for external stakeholders and	d 8	
9 interest holders to come into our	9	1 5
10 organizations to drill as deep as they want	ted 10	
11 into whatever they want.	11	continuous improvement, but we do engage. So
12 COMMISSIONER:	12	that's just, I guess, my two bits on where we
13 Q. Because you're all three of you, I'm sur		were versus where we are today.
14are very familiar with risk assessment. I w		COMMISSIONER:
15 not until I started this process, but you have		Q. Would either of you like to comment?
16 to be in the normal		MR. PRITCHARD:
17 MR. VOKEY:	17	A. Very similar, and I'll go back to my people,
18 A. Yes.	18	forces, and equipment, all of those are light
19 COMMISSIONER:	. 19	
20 Q. Okay, then and the risk assessment proces		
21 going to take in consideration not ever	-	have heard of a permit to work. I understood
22 person, but every category of persons, a		the equipment and did my own isolations, went
23 that's okay. I think it was you, Mr. Voke	-	ahead and performed my own duties and worked
24 mentioned about the development or		5 1 5 1
25 evolvement of the industry over the years	that 25	were, so we are well away from that way of

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1	working. The equipment is also light years	-	1	mainta	ined, then that safety culture may drift
2	ahead with the technology that we have, and	Ι	2	back.	So vigilance to ensure that we work
3	think here about the likes of the fire and gas		3	hard to	communicate, to re-educate, and it's
4	detection, or even the helideck lighting		4	similar	to, you know, training refreshers. We
5	system is so much improved from years gone	by,	5	constar	ntly our day to day activities are
6	and I believe that people's attitudes		6		much constantly engaged in safety
7	whilst we had a lot of good work ethics many	/,	7	matters	and communications.
8	many years ago, we were all (up and at it		8 C	OMMISSION	
9	4344). I think the same work ethics apply,		9		usly, in the positions you three men are,
10	but I think in a very controlled manner, and		10	-	has to be a part of your daily lives,
11	the attitude is far superior these days.		11		you have you also, of course, run
	SACUTA:		12	-	rations. Do you have people, such as
	From my experience, when I was in universit	y,	13		ard as Mr. Pike as a Chief Safety
14	I worked the drilling rigs during the time I		14		, do you have people in that capacity
15	was in university, and if you brought up		15	-	t up in the morning and go to work, or
16	safety at that point, it was you weren't tough		16		ver they go to work, that safety is their
17	enough, and I think the industry has evolved		17		y concern?
18	in an unbelievable amount over the length of	L		R. VOKEY: A. Yes.	
19	my career. I have three kids, and quite often	f	19		
20	I get asked how would you feel about any of your kids working on the Hibernia platform,		20 N 21	R. SACUTA:	
21	and although I recognize there are risks	,	21		Hibernia perspective, we have a completeHealth and Environment Department,
22 23	associated with the business that we all		22		includes supervision, and a number of
23	operate in, I would sleep comfortable at night	f	23		vees that have various responsibilities
25	knowing that they're on the Hibernia platform		25		that group. We also have dedicated
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1	based on the focus our organization places on	0	1	safety	health and environment personnel
2	safety. There is nothing more important than		2	-	e to assist with the day to day safety
3	our workforce safety, and I would sleep very		3		ndividual production facility itself.
4	comfortably at night if any of my children			R. PRITCHA	· ·
5	decided to work on that facility.		5		to us, we have a dedicated resource to
	MISSIONER:		6		t the day to day activities. I would
7 Q.	What are your thoughts in the issue of culture	e	7	••	e to point out that the Safety Manager
8	because as I see it in this learning process		8		ot report to me. The Safety Manager
9	that I'm engaged in, that culture has to go		9	reports	to my Vice President. So in terms of
10	right through an industry or a part of an		10	-	nance of safety, which I'm the line
11	industry such as yours, and that everybody ha	as	11	Manag	er, I take full responsibility for
12	to buy into the culture in order for it to be		12	safety,	but my performance is reported back to
13	successful. How do you I'm sure that		13	my Vic	e President.
14	Aerosafe is going to look at your cultures and	1	14 C	OMMISSION	ER:
15	have some thoughts, whatever they might be	e.	15	Q. So it go	bes, you're telling me, further up the
16	How do you feel about it, can you see this in		16	line?	
17	the reality of your daily work?		17 M	R. PRITCHA	
	PRITCHARD:		18	-	porting structure does I have the
	Absolutely. To gain a safety culture and have		19	-	sibility and there's a suite of health
20	continuous improvement in safety culture, yo		20		ety professionals that would support my
21	need continuous communications. Sometime	ès	21	•	day activities.
22	I mentioned before in my transcript there			R. VOKEY:	
23	about vigilance. Vigilance is so important		23		would be similar for Suncor. We have
24	because you can embed safety tools, safety		24		ironmental Health and Safety Manager,
25	culture within somebody, but if it's not		25	and sin	nilar to the other installations, we do

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1	have offshore health advisors, health and	1	1	further	on into our issues, I will ask counsel
2	safety advisors. They report directly in		2	to get	from you not necessarily you
3	through the EH & S Manager in our case, w	vho	3		lly, but the appropriate person in your
4	reports to the Vice President, and not to me		4	•	ies, a list of the things that you have
5	So there is an autonomy there.		5	-	ed in the last year, shall we say, and
6 COM	MISSIONER:		6		eel that you can do so, things that
7 Q.	The reason I'm raising these things for		7	•	contemplating and studying so I'll
8	discussion, of course, is that in reading, and	b	8	•	e benefit of that when I sit down to
9	remember you weren't you may have be		9		a report.
10	our opening day when I talked about the Re		10	IR. SACUTA:	
11	Australian Air Force, and the you know,	-	11		specific to helicopter operations?
12	production, namely, the planes, pilots, and			OMMISSION	
13	all that was a very, very high officer		13		, yes. I'm not confined altogether,
14	involved, I think a Wing Commander, but	the	14		helicopter offshore travel is what I'm
15	person in charge of maintenance was very		15	talking	-
16	down the hierarchy scale, didn't have the s			IR. VOKEY:	
17	clout, and it does seem from the reading the		17	A. We wel	come that
	I'm doing that the safety person has to hav			IR. PRITCHA	
18	major clout within the organization. How		10		
19	you feel about that?	uo		COMMISSIONI	roughly support that.
20	-				
	PRITCHARD:	т	21		because I would like to have that, you
1	For me, it's personally engrained into me.		22	know.	
23	take full responsibility for safety, and I see			IR. PRITCHAI	
24	the safety professionals as assisting me in		24	A. Yes, ce	-
25	helping with tools and reporting my		25	OMMISSION	
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1	performance, as I said, back to the Vice		1	-	hank you very much.
2	President. If that performance is not to his		2	IR. VOKEY:	
3	satisfaction, of course, he has a strong		3	A. Thank	
4	safety culture too, and then will make		4	COMMISSION	
5	assistance, but the Safety Manager is a		5	Q. Now, M	Ir. Roil.
6	professional in his own right to be able to		6	OIL, Q.C.:	
7	understand the best practises and give those	se	7	Q. Commi	ssioner, that's all the evidence we have
8	evaluations to the operations group for use	<b>e</b> ,	8	for toda	y. You will recall that when you
9	and, of course, he can assist in training and	l	9	began 1	his process, you indicated that in
10	educating us in where we should be headin	g.	10	addition	to people who would be parties with
11 COM	MISSIONER:		11	standing	g here, that other members of the
12 Q.	Okay. One last thing, in the course of you	r	12	public	could present to you. We have a
13	evidence, we'll call it, testimony, you've		13	-	er for tomorrow. Lorraine Michael, who
14	mentioned things that within the last year		14	-	er of the New Democratic Party of
15	new procedures and things that have been		15		indland and Labrador, has indicated the
16	instituted, vis-a-vis safety, and I think		16		o make a presentation, and she will be
17	that's a very good thing because you are th	ne	17		e tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. to do
18	people with the responsibility day to day to		18		understand from talking to her
19	manage, so I think that's fine, but some of		19		t that it will be in the nature of an
20	the things you may have done - I remember		20		so that presentation will take.
21	mentioned a couple of them, but some of	-		OMMISSION	-
22	things you may have done or be doing may		22	Q. I see.	Now the presentations by the
23	at this stage be known to me, and I may b	-	23	-	al companies, they've been scheduled,
24	thinking perhaps as things go on of those of		24		, for next week?
25	these things. What I will do as we get a bit			OIL, Q.C.:	, ··
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<ol> <li>Q. That's right, the next one is w Sacuta back again for an enco other representatives of HMDO two days, then Suncor for two Husky the first two days of t week, after which the JRCC p presenting with consultation colleague, Ms. Fagan.</li> <li>COMMISSIONER:</li> <li>Q. I see. Okay then, so we adjo 1: 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.</li> <li>ROIL, Q.C.:</li> <li>Q. 2 p.m. tomorrow.</li> <li>COMMISSIONER:</li> <li>Q. Oh, 2 p.m. Okay then, thank y</li> <li>(UPON CONCLUDING AT 12:07 F</li> </ol>	ore visit with c for the first o days, and then the following people will be n with my urn now until	
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