

Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry

CAPP Response, December 2009, to Undertaking to Mr. Earle

Transcript November 17, 2009 page 99 lines 4-20

Re: Change to Helicopter Landing Officer Training

Attachment

**Training & Qualifications Standard Practice Change Request Form, November 21,
2008**

**Canadian East Coast Offshore Petroleum Industry
Training & Qualifications Standard Practice
Change Request Form**

Change Requested by: Offshore Safety and Survival Center P.O. 4920, St. John's, NL. A1C 5R3	Date: 21 November 2008
<u>Proposed Change:</u> Change the course duration for Helicopter Landing Officer Training from the current two day requirement to one (8) hour day	
<u>Rationale:</u> The following rationale is provided; The course duration criteria for Helicopter Landing Officer training set forth in the Atlantic Canada Offshore Petroleum Industry Standard Practice for the Training and Qualifications of Personnel (Page 3-35) is two days. This model is based on the OPITO requirements for Helicopter Landing Officer training and assessment. Offshore helicopter operations in Atlantic Canada are significantly different than those in the UK, both operationally and from a regulatory perspective. An example is the transportation of dangerous goods. Transport Canada regulates the transportation of dangerous goods and sets training requirements for those responsible for packaging and shipping those products. In the Atlantic Canada jurisdiction, it is generally the storekeeper on the platform who is responsible for packaging and shipping dangerous goods. The Helicopter Landing Officer is not required to have this training. The transport of any dangerous goods via helicopter is very limited and the intent to transport must be communicated to the helicopter operator prior to transport as part of the planning process. Another example of variation is the process of weather reporting. On facilities deployed in the Atlantic Canada jurisdiction, the weather observer or the radio operator are tasked with the role of providing situational weather observations at a given point in time. While it is critical for Helicopter Landing Officers to be aware of the impact of weather on helicopter / helideck operations, the methodology of weather reporting is less so. The Offshore Safety and Survival Center (OSSC) has delivered Helicopter Landing Officer Training in conjunction with Cougar Helicopters and the offshore operators since 1998. Numerous courses delivered over this period have demonstrated that the prescribed curriculum can be thoroughly and effectively covered in one eight hour training day. In	

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Change to the 2008 edition of the Standard Practice


con junction with this request, OSSC has recently reviewed Helicopter Landing Officer training with the offshore operators, Cougar Helicopters and Survival Systems and have found consensus among all of the parties on this issue.

Current Wording on Page #:

Page 3-35 Two (2) days

Proposed Wording:

One (1) day

Change to page(s) as Agreed by Committee:**Secretary Signature****Date:**
Dec 12 2008**Chairman's Signature****Date:**

December 12, 2008