



NOPSA

A weekly message from the CEO

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This series of messages is aimed at keeping you informed of the establishment of the new National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA).

PERSONNEL

- We welcome Ted Kirkbride. Ted started out in the drilling industry in the early 80's working as a mud-logger in the Middle East - and spent about 15 years working as a service hand for companies such as Baroid and Sperry-Sun. He moved into an Operations Supervisor's position for two years and in the mid-90's got involved in Health, Safety, Environment and Quality for Sperry Sun's Australian operations. Following the "merger" with Halliburton, Ted worked as a maintenance manager for a period of three years, then decided to take a different path and joined the Western Australian Department of Industry and Resources as a Safety Assessor. This involved learning a whole new lot of skills (and jargon) but overall has been a pretty rewarding move. Most of Ted's working life has been spent in the drilling side of the industry, however the last three years at DoIR have certainly broadened his view of the industry as a whole.
- We welcome Andrew Pearce who commenced with NOPSA this week. Andrew joins us from DoIR where he was a Senior Safety Assessor involved in diving, construction and safety case assessments. During the transition to NOPSA Andrew is continuing to provide advice to DoIR. Prior to working in DoIR Andrew gained experience in the offshore diving and construction industry.

RECRUITMENT

- OHS Inspectors
 - An advertisement has been placed in the Melbourne Age.
 - An advertisement has been placed in the online SPE journal.
- We will also shortly be advertising again in the 'West Australian'.

MELBOURNE OFFICE

- Temporary Offices

Staff move into 505 St Kilda Road at 09:00 on Monday. For those of you who will be working there, or who may visit, note that the entrance to the offices is at the rear of the building. The full address is;

NOPSA
c/o Millenium Serviced Offices

Level 7, 505 St Kilda Road
Melbourne VIC 3004

The direct telephone number there will be 03 9868 1607. E-mail communication will be difficult initially, but it is hoped to continue using the e-mail address, nopsa_Melbourne@bigpond.com, until the permanent office at 437 St Kilda Road is established. For faxes, please use the number of MSO, which is 03 9820 0777, so long as any fax to NOPSA is clearly marked for our attention and we are advised in advance if the material is confidential.

➤ Permanent Offices

The lease has been signed. This office address is

NOPSA
Level 2, 437 St Kilda Road
Melbourne VIC 3004

but we may use a Locked Bag or PO Box for mail, for security. Phone and fax numbers will be advised.

INDUSTRY BUSINESS

- First set of quarterly invoices for Safety Case levies have been sent out to Operators (due for payment 1st Jan 2005)
- John Clegg, Ray Wells (NOPSA), Margaret Sewell (DITR) and Mark McCallum and Belinda Josey of APPEA visited Esso Bass Strait facilities.
- Second meeting with DOIR regarding transitional issues.
- Proposed teleconference with all DA's next week, to discuss transitional issues – draft agenda to follow.
- The Executive Council have made the Safety Levies Regulations, facilitating collection of levies from operators (where appropriate State/NT legislation is in place).
- Perth Team Leaders met with Woodside Otway Gas Project.
- NOPSA staff received a NWS / Timor Sea cyclone season briefing from the Bureau of Meteorology

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On behalf of

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CEO NOPSA