

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 Ray Wells. Ray has joined us as Team Leader for Melbourne operations. Ray has a degree in Physics, as well as a Masters in Environmental Engineering, and is a Chartered Engineer. Immediately prior to joining NOPSA he worked for 4 years as a self-employed safety and risk consultant. His major activities during this period included work on the NOPSA establishment project, a period as Team Leader in Major Hazards Division of Victorian WorkCover Authority, and OHS compliance audits in most of the Australian OHS jurisdictions. His previous career includes periods within the electricity industry, in safety/risk consultancies, and in engineering contractors in London, Aberdeen, Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.
- We welcome Bronwyn Brookman Smith. Bronwyn recently joined the NOPSA Melbourne office as a regulator. Bronwyn has a degree in Chemical Engineering, a Master of Science and an MBA. Bronwyn has spent the last 5 years as a Senior Safety Analyst with WorkSafe Victoria's Major Hazard Division, assessing and monitoring Safety Cases and conducting OHS and dangerous goods inspections. Prior to this she was an Analyst with the NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning' Major Hazards Unit for 7 years.
- We welcome Natalie Powarchuk. Natalie recently joined the NOPSA Melbourne office as the Executive Assistant. Natalie has a background in Education, Applied Sciences, Accounting, Languages and Business Administration. Her most recent role has been teaching at Victoria University, consulting in process improvement and courtroom interpreting. Prior to that, Natalie worked as the National Education Officer for the National Institute of Accounts, spent 6 years at Ansett, as the On Time Performance Analyst and Administrator for the Occupational Medicine Department. She has also devoted 16 years as a Language Teacher.

RECRUITMENT

- We continue to advertise for OHS Inspectors/Regulators – with adverts in this weekend West Australian, the SPE Online Journal, and on the NOPSA web page – NOPSA employment - <http://www.nopsa.gov.au/employment.html>

INDUSTRY BUSINESS

- NOPSA conducted meetings with various Industry companies eg Woodside, Exxon Mobil, Apache, Chevron Texaco, Technip, BHP Billiton, and Coogee. Further meetings are planned with other stakeholders shortly.
- A teleconference has been confirmed with all DA's next week to discuss transition issues.
- Continued liaison with WA DoIR
- Several administration staff attended the APPEA "Introduction to Petroleum Industry course.

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