

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 Kevin Clary. Kevin has joined the Perth office as a regulator. He has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He has a range of experience in process control engineering in the Australian offshore oil and gas industry in particular on FPSO's. He was most recently employed as a Senior Safety Assessor in DoIR. Kevin will be our inspector in Darwin for some months with effect from the middle of December.
- We welcome Andrew Chandren. Andrew is a regulator and has joined us part-time on loan from DoIR prior to joining permanently next month. Andrew has particular skills in occupational health, human factors and safety engineering.

INDUSTRY BUSINESS

- A telephone conference was held with all the Designated Authorities. Main items of discussion were; DA progress in making mirror legislation and transitional arrangements such as transfer of staff and information, ongoing enforcement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is in the final draft.
- The second of the 2 weekly NOPSA/DoIR liaison meetings was held. In particular, issues relating to validation and competency were dealt with.
- Members of the DITR Implementation Team from Canberra and staff from NOPSA Melbourne office visited us in Perth. Among other things, Inspector training packages were discussed with a view to implementation in December and January.
- Discussions were held with Woodside and Coogee.

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