

AOOGG: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture-cover letter
SAO meeting March 2014



21st February 2014

To: The Chairman of the SAOs and the Arctic Council SAOs
Cc: PAME National Representatives, Permanent Participants
Subject: The Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines: *Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report*

The Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines (AOOGG): *Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture* project has been led by the United States. The work has been reviewed and comments received at the biannual meetings of the PAME Working Group and the following two expert workshops:

- ✓ First one in Keflavik, Iceland in June 2012, held jointly with the Recommended Practices for Prevention of Pollution (RP3) workshop by the Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Response (EPPR) working group, and
- ✓ Second one in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada in September 2012.

Written comments were received from many individuals and organizations and the attached final Report (version 21 Feb 2014) has been circulated widely to Arctic Council National Governments, Permanent Participants and Observers, as well as academia, non-profit environmental and industry associations, and other stakeholders.

The PAME I-2014 Meeting (11-13 February 2014) approved the Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report and requested its submission to SAOs for their consideration and approval. The final edited version of the Report will be submitted to the PAME Secretariat on 14 March for formatting and publication.

Documents: AOOGG: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report, final version Feb 21, 2014

Online Supporting Documents: The following documents will be accessible on the PAME homepage as they represent the documents in support of the *AOOGG: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report*. These documents will be posting with the following disclaimer: *These reports have neither been reviewed nor endorsed by the Arctic state governments or PAME and, therefore, represent only the views of the various experts and authors that produced them. The reports have served the purpose of providing background information in the development of the AOOGG: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report.*

1. Table of Recommended Actions or Approaches from the AOOGG Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report.
2. Table of Safety Systems Elements in Regulations of Norway, Canada, Greenland and the United States, and of the PAME AOOGG 2009.
3. Text of Regulations for 9 Selected Safety Systems Elements contained in Table A1 Appendix A.
4. Findings and Recommendations of the HSE Management Systems and Safety Culture Workshops.
5. The Arctic Council Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines 2009 Recommendations for HSE Management Systems

Action: SAOs are requested to review and approve the Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report.