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Canadian oil and gas safety association and industry release guidelines to support worksite safety

June 16, 2010, Calgary, Alberta – Enform, the safety association for Canada’s oil and gas industry, recently released guidelines on Supervisor Competency and Contractor Management Systems to help industry achieve superior site management. Current events have made it all too clear that worksite and well site safety must be a priority for everyone involved in the petroleum industry.

Developed by industry for industry, Enform led a cross-industry team in developing a framework that provides companies with principles, practices and tools that help guide employers and contractors to perform safely and professionally.

“Recognizing that one solution does not fit all users and situations, the guidelines take a broad view of upstream petroleum industry site operations and present accepted guiding principles that provide a useful starting point for employers seeking to establish supervisor competency or contractor management systems,” says Lloyd Harman, Enform’s Vice President of Safety Services.

Canada’s leading oil and gas industry trade associations support the use of the guidelines to help companies of all sizes improve performance.

“We were pleased to work with Enform on these guidelines and are in full support of their implementation,” says Dave Pryce, Vice President, Western Canadian Operations, of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. “These documents provide our members, and the industry as a whole, with a structure to move forward and better our practices.”

The activities, knowledge and skills that are expected to enhance a supervisor’s performance are outlined in the Supervisor Competency Guideline and are brought to life through the use of examples. The guideline also provides an outline to help build a company-specific training matrix and tools that can be used by any organization to augment existing programs.

The Contractor Management Systems Guideline identifies six key steps for the successful hiring and management of contractor and service providers, including:

1. Defining the scope of work.
2. Establishing contractor expectations.
3. Conducting contractor pre-qualification and selection.
4. Choosing and developing the appropriate agreement.
5. Managing the contractor.
6. Keeping records and exercising due diligence.

The steps provide a process-based contractor management framework aligned with a plan-do-check-act system that can result in improved communication between hiring companies, contractors and the service providers they hire.

To download a free electronic version of the guidelines visit our website

www.enform.ca/publications/GuidelinesandBestPractices

Enform is the safety association for Canada's upstream oil and gas industry. For almost 60 years, Enform has been proud to work with industry to build a safe, well-trained workforce.

Our mandate is to develop safe work practices through a range of safety services and resources, including Industry Recommended Practices, safety alerts and updates, COR certification and Petroleum Safety Conferences. Our portfolio of more than 120 industry-leading training programs cover safety, operations, technology and environmental management. All Enform products and services are developed in consultation with Canada's leading oil and gas industry trade associations.

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