

## A Forum for Dialogue

### *Blowouts in Shallow-water - Maintaining a High-level of Focus and Increasing the Safety Culture in the Shallow Water Operating Environment*

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

DoubleTree Hotel, Houston Intercontinental Airport  
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*The intent of this Forum is to stimulate dialogue among the many members of the ocean energy industry at large. Additionally, the desire is to ultimately identify both tasks and research topics that can fill gaps in the current state of safe and environmentally responsible offshore energy operations. These tasks and topics will be captured in the Forum Summary, prioritized by the OESI stakeholders, and addressed by action projects or research projects to further enable the ocean energy industry.*

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**Register at:** <http://engrevent.tamu.edu/event/101176>

7:00AM -8:00AM –Registration - Continental Breakfast	
8:00AM	Welcome – <b>Jim Pettigrew, Director of Operations, Ocean Energy Safety Institute</b>
8:10AM	Opening Remarks – <b>M. Sam Mannan, Principal Investigator, Ocean Energy Safety Institute</b>
<b>Session I</b>	
<b>Industry Efforts to address shallow-water blowouts and lessons learned</b>	
Moderator: <b>Dr Rashid Hasan (TAMU)</b>	
8:20AM	Panel Members— <b>Charlie Williams – COS, Safety and Environmental Management Systems – Key Barrier to Losing Well Control</b> <b>David Miller - API, Perspectives on Standards for Shallow-water Operations</b> <b>Phil Bednarz - SPE, Summary of SPE Technical Report on Calculation of WCD</b>
9:30AM	Open Forum Dialogue
9:50AM	Moderators Summary
10:00AM	Morning Break – Networking and Refreshments

## Session II

### How can Industry and Regulators work together to maintain a high level of focus and increase safety culture in shallow water operations?

Moderator: **Dr Eric Van Oort**

**10:30AM Panel Members**

**Martin Tindle - Rowan Companies**, A perspective on Shallow-water Well-control

**Dr Neal Adams – University of Houston**, Experiences and Recommendations on Shallow-water events

**Ken Arnold – Worley-Parsons**, Evaluating the effectiveness of SEMS, a Report of the Transportation Research Board to BSEE

**11:40PM Open Forum Dialogue**

**12:00PM Moderator's Summary**

**12:10PM Lunch**

**12:40PM Two parallel breakout sessions following the themes of the two sessions discussed earlier.**

- Breakout group for Session 1: Facilitator - Dr Rashid Hasan
  - o The focus of this group will be 'What additional efforts (*e.g.*, should equipment and regulations be different) are necessary to address blowouts in shallow-water to further enable safe and environmentally responsible offshore energy operations'.
- Breakout group for Session 2: Facilitator - Dr Eric Van Oort
  - o The focus of this group will be 'What should the Regulator and Industry do to increase cooperation to further develop the safety culture in shallow-water operations'.

**Afternoon Break at Facilitator direction**

**3:45PM Convene as a whole group for report back from breakout sessions**

- Group facilitators will present summary of discussion, to include further tasks and research topics.  
*These Session summaries will be used to develop research opportunities and ideas for further action. These could include, for example, a roadmap of best practices, lessons learned and process for shallow water well control to further enable safe and environmentally responsible ocean energy operations.*

**4:45PM Recap and Closing Remarks – M. Sam Mannan**

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