

# OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Petroleum Safety Conference

Energy Safety Canada regrets to announce that PSC 2021 is cancelled. The Government of Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency and, with the rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, it is important we all do our part to prevent the spread of the virus and protect our overburdened health care system.

To keep the PSC spirit alive, watch for an invitation to a virtual Safety Summit on the morning of Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The Safety Summit will focus on Human and Organizational Performance and will feature international experts on this topic who were slated to present at PSC 2021.

Details regarding the process to transfer registration to 2022 or receive a refund will be shared soon. The Banff Springs Hotel will send cancellation details to those who currently have a guestroom reserved.

Planning for the 2022 event is already underway, and we look forward to reconnecting safely with you in-person in May 2022.

### PetroLMI Initiative

As part of an ongoing project with the Future Skills Centre, PetroLMI has rebranded the Careers in Oil and Gas website to expand the site's focus to include new segments of the broader energy sector. The new website [CareersinEnergy.ca](https://careersinenergy.ca) is now live.

PetroLMI recently released [Workforce Impacts from Alberta Well Closures: Creating Stability Through Cyclicalities](#) which highlights the chain of activities involved in closure, as well as the key well servicing and environmental occupations involved – including the top in-demand roles. Also explored are the opportunities and challenges related to the SRP, Indigenous involvement, timing of the measures, labour supply and demand gaps, and the repurposing of dormant oil and gas infrastructure to develop renewable energies.

## Recent Publications

Safety Alert | [Coil Tubing BOP Stack Separation](#)

Safety Bulletin | [Men's Mental Health](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Webinar | Accessing the Alberta Employer Appeals Office

October 6 12:00PM-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Employers may not be aware of the services available – all at no cost – which the Alberta Advisor Office can provide.

### Webinar | The Future of Safety & Risk Management

October 13 12:00PM-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

In this presentation, we will identify four hurdles to safety and risk and learn how to use the science of social psychology to overcome them.

### Webinar | Auditor Discussion | Element B & C – Hazard ID and Control (a holistic approach)

October 14 10:00-12:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Join the ESC COR team for a Formal Hazard Assessment and Hazard Controls discussion. This session is an open forum for auditors to share experiences and ideas when auditing these elements.

### Webinar | Recognize & Prevent Psychological Hazards

October 20 12:00PM-1:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Join us for a presentation by Linda Crockett, CEO and Founder of the Canadian Institute of Workplace Bullying Resources. She will share real case examples along with research-based, trauma-informed responses to hazards such as psychological harassment and psychological violence.

### Webinar | Auditor Discussion | Auditing Methodology – Future State

October 28 11:00AM-12:00PM | [Register Now](#)

Join the ESC COR team for a discussion on the future state of auditing methodology. Auditing processes have been modified during the pandemic, this discussion will explore the learning opportunities we can take from this challenge and apply going forward.

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## KEY INITIATIVES

### Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP) Course

An updated version of the course is now available. Highlights include updates to images in the student manual and questions in the exam.

### Wellhead Boom Truck Operator Course

The updated and rebranded course, which was piloted in May has been fully launched. Highlights include updated media assets.

### Special Oilfield Boilers Course

Redevelopment of Special Oilfield Boilers has begun in collaboration with CAOEC and ABSA. Course content is being updated to better prepare participants to pass the ABSA Oilwell Boiler certification exam. The course is also being transitioned from instructor-led to self-study online delivery to improve outcomes, increase accessibility, and decrease the cost to industry. Expected delivery will be mid-2022.

### Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program

In response to Alberta's Public Health Emergency, the [COR program is implementing an immediate suspension of on-site data gathering activities by COR auditors](#).

## Drilling & Completions Committee (DACC)

### IRP 2: Completing and Servicing Sour Wells

The committee is addressing industry feedback and plans to present the revised IRP in October. The IRP provides practices for the safe planning, equipment and fluid handling for completions and servicing operations on sour wells using a service rig.

### IRP 21: Coiled Tubing Operations

IRP 21 has sanctioned and will be released in October.

### IRP 28: Drilling and Completions Waste Management

The committee is addressing industry feedback and ensuring alignment with AER Directives 50, 55, 58, currently under review.

### IRP 29: Temporary Pipework, Securement and Restraint

Two more workgroups were added to generate content for pre-job inspections, inspections, certifications, maintenance, and storage.

### IRP 30: Temporary Wellbore Suspension (New)

The Temporary Wellbore Suspension IRP kick-off meeting will be held on October 13, 2021.



## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Oil Sands

Next Tailings Safety meeting is planned for September 30, 2021.

### British Columbia

The Q4 Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on December 2, 2021.

On September 1, 2021, amendments to the [Occupational Health and Safety \(OHS\) Regulations](#) sections Part 6, Part 8 and Part 16 came into effect.

### Saskatchewan

The Q4 Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on November 16, 2021.

The Saskatchewan Employment Act, [Occupational Health and Safety Provisions](#) are under review

Saskatchewan WCB premium rate setting is scheduled for October 13, 2021.



## DATA & ANALYTICS

Did you know injuries caused by Exposure to Harmful Substances or Environments account for almost 20% of injury claims in Western Canadian oil and gas in the last five years?

Hearing loss from exposure to noise is the most common exposure injury and is growing over time, while chemical exposures have killed 11 workers.

Exposure injuries have been particularly prevalent in 2021, with COVID-19 and its variants affecting hundreds of workers, causing thousands of days of disability time, and costing millions of dollars.

To learn more about exposure injuries in your industry, request an issue-specific report [here](#).