



Emergency Preparedness Offshore Liaison (EPOL) Group

Terms of Reference

1. Overall Purpose

EPOL exists to gain alignment and facilitate the sharing of good practice between duty holders and interfacing organisations on emergency preparedness issues.

2. Focus Areas

The EPOL group pursues topics and activities aligned with the purpose stated above, such as:

- Identification of emergency preparedness issues and development of appropriate responses;
- Development and communication of good practice guidance;
- Sharing of good ER related practice and learning from incidents or exercises;
- Liaison with other industry stakeholder groups;
- Networking and partnership building

3. Membership of EPOL

Membership of EPOL group constitutes:

- Duty Holders;
- Helicopter Operators;
- Police Scotland;
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency;
- Health & Safety Executive
- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- Oil & Gas UK
- International Association of Drilling Contractors

Other stakeholders may be invited to participate in specific EPOL Sub Groups.

4. Governance

Chair and secretariat is through appointment by the membership.

The work of EPOL Group relates specifically to the Offshore Oil & Gas Industry in the Central and Northern North Sea including West of Shetland sector of the United Kingdom Continental Shelf - north of 55° 50' 00" (the body of water which normally falls under Police Scotland jurisdiction).

5. Meetings and Administration

Meetings are held at intervals determined by the membership at company hosted venues. Meeting agenda and supporting material are distributed in advance. Draft meeting minutes are circulated to members with a 7 day comment period before publication. The EPOL web site is the prime communication route.

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