







COS Overview

The Center for Offshore Safety is designed to promote the highest level of safety for offshore drilling, completions, and operations through leadership and effective management systems addressing communication, teamwork, and independent third-party auditing and certification.

COS will achieve operational excellence by:

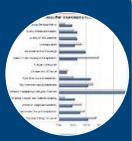
- Enhancing and continuously improving industry's safety and environmental performance,
- Ensuring public confidence and trust in the oil and gas industry,
- Increasing public awareness of the industry's safety and environmental performance,
- Stimulating cooperation within industry to share best practices and learn from each other, and

Providing a platform for collaboration between industry, the government, and other stakeholders.





SEMS Audit and Certificates



Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting



Good Practice Development



Sharing Industry Knowledge









How is this data used?

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What went wrong?

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Why did it happen?

The 3-way valve is of a "trans-flo" design meaning all three ports are in communication during transitioning from one position to another.

What areas were identified for improvement?

Consider possible mechanical changes to isolate compressor flare and vent systems:

- Remove vent pole
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- Add an additional valve isolating from the flare system

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COS Data Programs:

Safety Performance Indicators (SPI) Program Learning from Incidents & Events (LFI) Program



Safety Performance Indicators – US OCS

Operator:

- SPI 1-10
- Work Hours
- ALL incidents operator and contractor - within 500m of lease
- SPI 5 for Operator owned facilities and equipment

Contractor:

- SPI 1-4, 6-10 Incidents outside 500m or for non-COS Operators
- SPI 5 for Contractor owned facilities and equipment

SPI 1 is the frequency of incidents that resulted in one or more of the following:

- A. Fatality
- B. Five or more injuries in a single incident
- C. Tier 1 process safety event
- D. Level 1 Well Control Incident Loss of well control
- E. ≥ \$1 million direct cost from damage to or loss of facility / vessel / equipment
- F. Oil spill to water > 10,000 gallons (238 barrels)

SPI 2 is the frequency of incidents that do not meet the SPI 1 definition but have resulted in one or more of the following:

- A. Tier 2 process safety event
- B. Collision resulting in property or equipment damage > \$25,000
- C. Mechanical Lifting or Lowering Incident
- D. Loss of station keeping resulting in a drive off or drift off
- E. Life boat, life raft, rescue boat event
- F. Level 2 Well Control Incident Multiple Barrier Systems Failures and Challenges

SPI 3 is the number of SPI 1 and SPI 2 incidents that involved failure of one or more pieces of equipment as a contributing factor

SPI 4 is the frequency of crane or personal/ material handling operations incident

SPI 5 is the percentage of planned critical maintenance, inspection and testing (MIT) completed on time. Planned critical MIT deferred with a formal risk assessment and appropriate level of approval is not considered overdue

SPI 6 is number of work-related fatalities

SPI 7 is the frequency of days away from work, restricted work, and jobtransfer injuries and illnesses (DART)

SPI 8 is the frequency of recordable injuries and illnesses (RIIF)

SPI 9 is the frequency of oil spills to water ≥ 1 barrel

SPI 10 is the severity potential of incidents involving a dropped object



Learning from Incidents & Events

SPI 1 and SPI 2 Incidents

- Following the completion of any incident investigations
- Only 1 form per incident usually submitted by company that did the investigation.

High Value Learning Events (HVLE)

- Incidents that didn't rise to the level of an SPI 1 or SPI 2, but that still provide valuable insight and learnings.
- Near misses / Close calls!
 - US OCS
- US Onshore/State Waters
- International





Physical Facility, Equipment, and Process

- Design or Layout of a Facility or Individual Piece of Equipment
- Facility or Equipment
 Material Specification,
 Fabrication and Construction,
 or Quality Control
- Facility or Equipment Reliability
- Instrument, Analyzer and Controls Reliability



Administrative Processes

- Risk Assessment and Management
- Operating Procedures or Safe Work Practices
- Management of Change
- Work Direction or Management
- Emergency Response



People

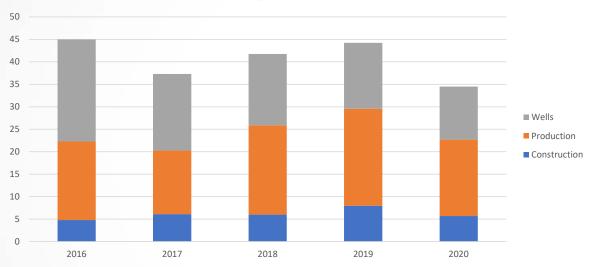
- Personnel Skills or Knowledge
- Quality of Task Planning and Preparation
- Individual or Group Decision Making
- Quality of Task Execution
- Quality of Hazard Mitigation
- Communication



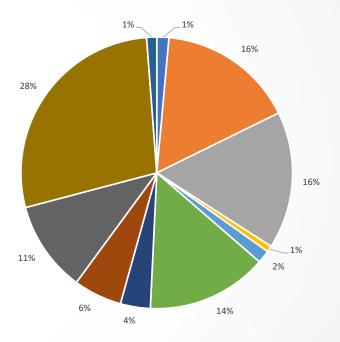




Work Hours (Normalization Factor)



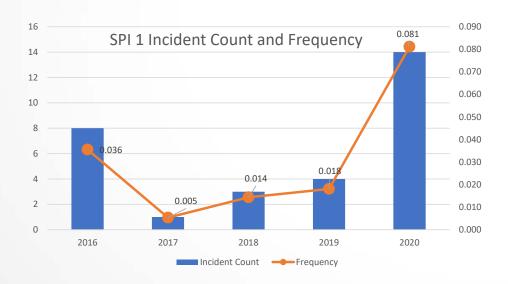
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
COS U.S. OCS Work Hours (Millions)	45	37	41	44	34

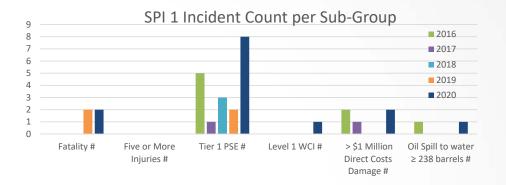


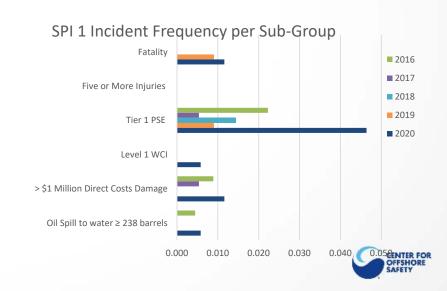


SPI₁

- 1A 2 Incidents involving 1 or more fatalities
- 1B 0 Incidents with Injuries to 5 or More
- 1C 8 Tier 1 Process Safety Events (PSE)
- 1D 1 Level 1 Well Control Incidents
- 1E 2 Incidents resulting in damage ≥ \$1MIL
- 1F 1 Oil Spills to water ≥ 238 bbl







LFI Report – SPI 1E ≥ \$1Mil Damage

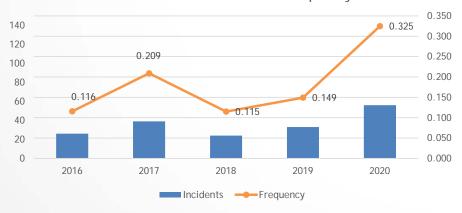
An operations deck operator was stationed at the L.A.C.T. (Lease Automatic Custody Transfer) unit on the production module testing PAGA (Public Address and General Alarm) alarm push button stations with a designated control room operator. The operations team members were utilizing a compliant JSA (Job Safety Analysis) and three-way communication for the task.

While en route to the East crane, a maintenance team member observed the operations team testing push button stations near the L.A.C.T. unit on the production module (Note: the east crane pedestal and L.A.C.T. unit are in proximity of each other on the production module). The maintenance team member was not clear which stations were being tested - PAGA or ESD stations. While ascending the east crane pedestal stairs, the maintenance team member identified PAGA alarm and ESD push button stations located on an elevated deck area of the crane pedestal. The maintenance team member then attempted to verbally communicate to the deck operator below by yelling from the elevated deck of the crane pedestal instead of using his radio. The maintenance team member's intent was to offer service to help the deck operator. The deck operator interpreted that the maintenance team member was asking if there were stations on the crane pedestal to be tested and responded "yes." The maintenance team member interpreted that the operations team member was giving approval to test the push button station so he pushed the ESD switch station and caused a facility shutdown.

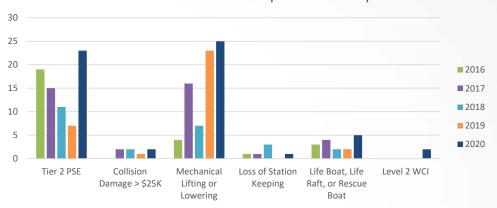
SPI 2

- 2A 23 Tier 2 PSE
- 2B 2 Collision Damage ≥ \$25,000
- 2C 25 Mechanical Lifting Incidents
- 2D 1 Loss of Station Keeping
- 2E 5 Lifeboat, Life Raft, Rescue Boat Incidents
- 2F 2 Level 2 Well Control Incidents

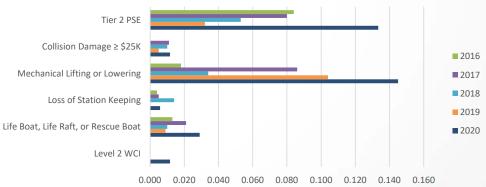
SPI 2 Incident Count and Frequency



SPI 2 Incident Count per Sub-Group



SPI 2 Incident Frequency per Sub-Group





LFI Report – SPI 2C Mechanical Lifting or Lowering

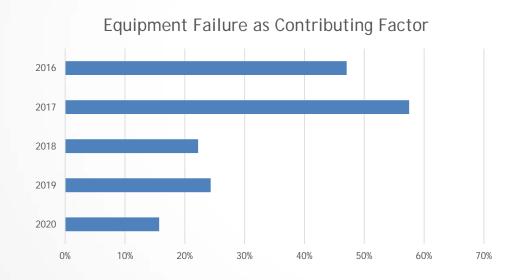
A Plug & Abandon crew was attempting to test a downhole cement plug using a tension packer connected to a 1500' work-string attached to the platform crane. While setting the tension packer the 50K shear ring failed unexpectedly at 26K resulting with an immediate decrease in load weight to 9K resulting in a shockload of the crane.

The 50K shear ring capacity, per manufacturer specifications, is a one pull value requiring the shear ring to be replaced after a failed setting attempt.

The investigation revealed that three prior attempts were made to set the tension packer, thus weakening the shear ring value with each attempt resulting in metal fatigue and the undesirable event.

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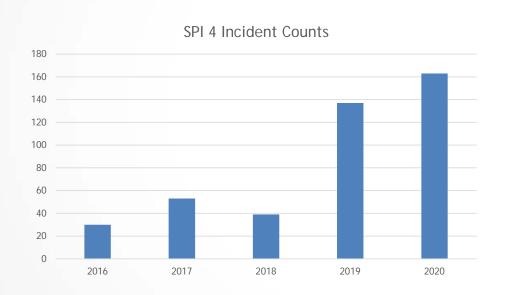


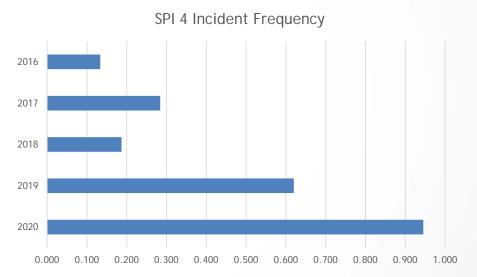
- 70 SPI 1 and SPI 2 Incidents Reported
- 11 (16%) of those 70 cited failure of equipment as a contributing factor
- Equipment Types:
 - 3 Process Equipment/Pressure Vessels/Piping
 - 3 Shutdown Systems/Automated Safety Instrumented Systems
 - 3 Mechanical Lifting Equipment/Personnel Transport Systems
 - 1 Lifeboat/Life Raft/Rescue Boat/Launch and Recovery Systems
 - 1 Other



SPI 4

SPI 4 is a crane or personnel/material handling operations incident.

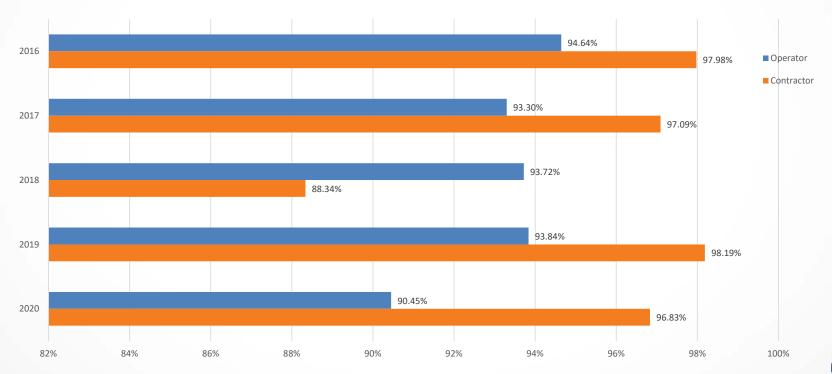






SPI 5

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LFI Report – HVLE Maintenance, Inspection & Testing

A crew member was working on the west crane mezzanine deck. After placing a box containing a 59 lb swing/slew brake down on the boom's catwalk, the crew member started walking to grab the second brake. They turned around to place the second brake on the catwalk and saw the first brake roll off the catwalk and fall through a section between the catwalk's toe board and ladder.

The brake landed 28ft 8in below on the main deck. Another crew member on the mezzanine deck was within red barricade tape when brake landed 20 ft away.

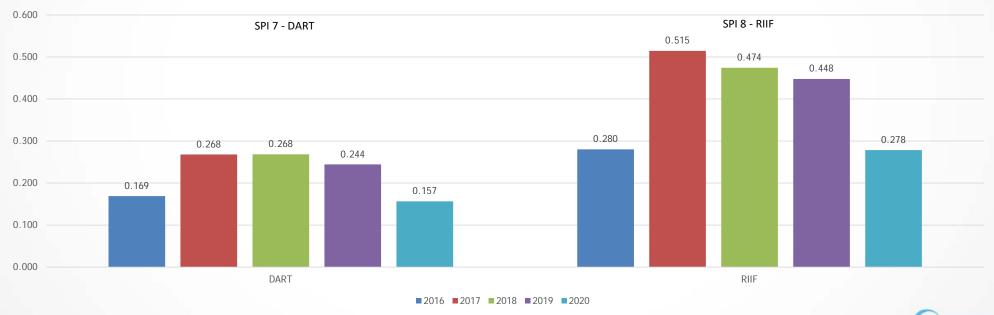
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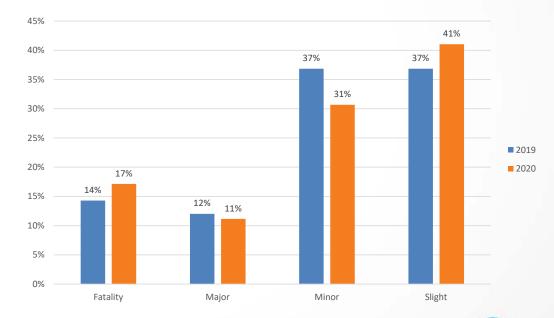




SPI 10

SPI 10 is the severity potential of incidents involving a dropped object

- Based on definitions developed by the DROPSOnline network
- 251 Dropped Objects reported
 - 103 Slight injury potential
 - 77 Minor injury *potential*
 - 28 Major injury potential
 - 43 Fatal injury *potential*
- 185 of 251 (74%) resulted in zero harm





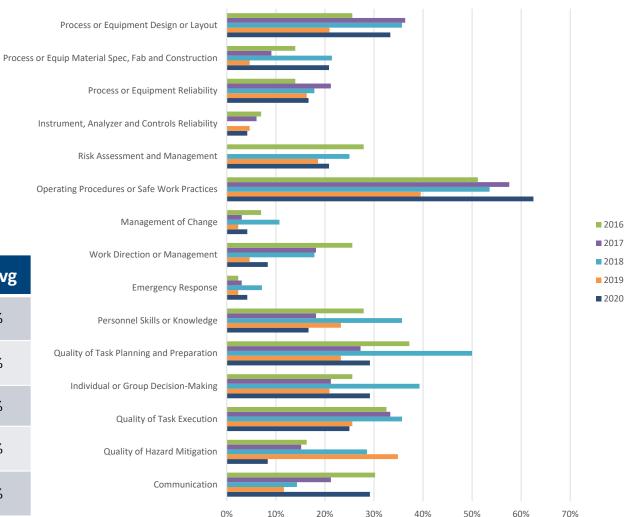
LFI Report – HVLE Drilling Operations – Normal, Routine

At approximately 1915 noise was heard by deck pusher from his office. He investigated and discovered the windsock from antenna platform level laying on heli-deck outside heli-lounge. It was determined that the windsock fell from its installed location platform above the heli-fuel wind wall on the starboard side.

Although the windsock descent may have been affected by wind resistance, the bracket maintained significant energy in flight, striking the deck leaving obvious marks. The windsock weighed 5.05 kgs (11 lbs) fell 7.9 m (26 ft) and risk ranked as high potential for serious injury or greater.

Areas for Improvement *U.S. OCS* 2016-2020

Areas for Improvement Distribution (US OCS only)



2020	5-yr Avg
62.5%	52.9%
29.2%	33.4%
25.0%	30.4%
33.3%	30.4%
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LFI Report – HVLE Drilling Operations – Normal, Routine

While in the process of skidding the derrick to the desired position, the rig catwalk, which was suspended and connected to the starboard crane with a two-part sling, the crane boomed down suddenly which caused the load to slew uncontrolled. This resulted in some damage to the structure of the catwalk.

Skidding operations was stopped immediately and the crane operator was advised by the Toolpusher to place the load safely back on the deck.

There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

Upcoming Events!

9th Annual COS Forum – October 27 – Virtual event

COS Webinar Series

Process Safety Fundamentals – November 4 – 9:00am COS-3-08 Verifying Existing Barriers – November 11 – 9:00am

Registration information:

https://www.centerforoffshoresafety.org/announcements_page/Events-and-webinars



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