

## **OVERVIEW**

In February 2020 the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and its offshore operator members released <u>Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability:</u> <u>A Continuous Improvement Plan</u>, outlining steps to enhance how operators communicate and work together to improve safety and environmental performance offshore Newfoundland and Labrador (NL). In early 2021 an <u>update</u> was provided on Year 1 progress and plans for 2021.

CAPP and its members continue to focus on the vision outlined in the original plan: to make Atlantic Canada the safest and most environmentally responsible offshore oil and natural gas operating region in the world. To that end, CAPP is pleased to provide the update below on Year 2 accomplishments and outline new focus areas to guide CAPP's work in environment, health and safety for 2022.

## 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following work plan items were completed in 2021:

- Launched the <u>Atlantic Canada Offshore Safety Share</u> site a central repository for sharing lessons learned and communicating among industry and to external groups, to continue promoting a culture of transparency and continuous improvement.
- Completed six safety moment videos, which are now housed on the Safety Share site to provide workers in the basin with access to shared safety moment videos to help inspire and create a sense of community.
- Continued the workshop series with the contractor community that originally kicked off in 2020. The purpose of the workshop series is to identify opportunities for alignment and improvement in how operators and contractors work together.
- Completed and submitted the final Spill Capability Assessment of the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB). The purpose of the document is to demonstrate capability to respond to offshore oil spills and identify areas for improvement.
- Worked with the C-NLOPB and One Ocean, the liaison organization between the
  fishing and petroleum industries in NL, to plan and host a virtual Spill Prevention
  and Response Forum. The Forum provided the opportunity for government,
  regulators, academia, the fishing, petroleum industries and Indigenous groups to
  share information and explore the latest spill prevention and response research and
  technology. CAPP also led the planning for the 2022 Offshore Environmental Forum,
  which will replace the Spill Prevention and Response Forum moving forward and
  will focus on spill prevention and response as well as other offshore environment
  subject areas.
- Planned and hosted a tabletop exercise with the fishing industry focused on communications during basin incidents. The tabletop, which was held in November, provided an opportunity for both industries to explore potential challenges and identify enhancements to communications between both industries during an oil spill. Recommendations from the tabletop exercise are being discussed by the One Ocean Working Group to identify a path forward to address the recommendations.
- Advanced collaboration in subsea leak detection and monitoring, through sharing best practices, new technology and exploring enhancements to training and competency programs.
- Worked with various partners to advance research and development related to greenhouse gas emission reductions, including Energy Research and Innovation NL (ERI). Also worked with ERI to produce three videos to help communicate what research projects are underway in this area. This <u>video</u> project will continue in 2022.
- Completed a significant engagement initiative, including a formal stakeholder survey, with the NL oil and natural gas industry workforce to better understand their perception of safety and help identify potential areas for focus in 2022.





## YEAR 3 - FOCUS AREAS

Based on recommendations stemming from various initiatives undertaken in Year 2, as well as additional feedback and discussion between CAPP's committees and its Offshore Policy Group, CAPP will progress the following Year 3 focus areas:

- Increase awareness among contractors and the broader oil and natural gas industry workforce on operator collaboration through CAPP's Safety and Sustainability plan, including tools to enhance information sharing. Findings from the engagement initiative with the workforce identified opportunities for improving awareness of efforts undertaken through this initiative to enhance safety and environmental performance. CAPP will strive to undertake a communications effort to increase awareness of the plan and key tools developed thus far to ensure basin-wide use and adoption.
- Develop common approaches to promote consistency and alignment to enhance safety. Key work plan items include working to develop a common approach for tracking time offshore and days of rest, and developing an industry best practice on source control for subsea wells. CAPP will also focus on developing a common understanding of fundamental principles in support of safety and reliability of our operations, including applying fit-for-purpose approaches that embrace international best practice and encourage innovation.
- Support and contribute to efforts to achieve NL's and Canada's net zero goals through research and development, collaboration with key partners and emissions reduction efforts. Including, participating in industry efforts to identify potential pathways to net zero and continuing work with ERI to enhance awareness of efforts underway to advance research and technology development.
- Continue work with the fishing industry to enhance communications between industries. Including addressing key findings from the recent oil spill communications tabletop exercise and continuing to lead planning of the Offshore Environmental Forum.

CAPP members are committed to their collaborative efforts to enhance safety and environmental performance as part of this initiative. As success requires the collaboration of everyone involved in the basin's journey to becoming the safest offshore operating region in the world, CAPP will continue to engage governments, regulators and other stakeholders as work plans progress related to each focus area.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) represents companies, large and small, that explore for, develop and produce natural gas and crude oil throughout Canada. CAPP's member companies produce about 80 per cent of Canada's natural gas and crude oil. CAPP's associate members provide a

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natural gas production of about \$101 billion a year.

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