

COLLABORATING FOR SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY

PROGRESS UPDATE AND YEAR TWO PLAN



OVERVIEW

In February 2020 the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and its offshore operator members released [Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability: A Continuous Improvement Plan](#), outlining steps to enhance how operators communicate and work together to improve safety and environmental performance offshore Newfoundland and Labrador (NL). The plan outlines a vision to make Atlantic Canada the safest and most environmentally responsible offshore oil and natural gas operating region in the world.

To continue progress toward this vision, a detailed work plan was developed and implemented, centered on 13 initial focus areas. With Year One of this initiative now complete, the purpose of this document is to provide an update on Year One accomplishments and outline key focus areas for Year Two, as the offshore industry's continuous improvement journey continues.

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In July 2020 CAPP provided a detailed [implementation update](#) on Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability. Since then, the following progress was made on key work plan items:

- Completed a workshop series with the contractor community and identified opportunities for alignment and improvement in how operators and contractors work together. Recommendations developed during the workshops were brought forward to CAPP's Offshore Policy Group for consideration as 2021 work plan items.
- Completed a spill response capability assessment to demonstrate capability to respond to offshore oil spills in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore and identify areas for improvement. The assessment report was submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) and will be made available publicly following the C-NLOPB's review.
- 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 and petroleum industries and Indigenous groups to share information and explore the latest spill prevention and response research and technology.
- Advanced collaboration in subsea leak detection and monitoring, through sharing best practices, new technology and enhancements to training and competency programs.
- Developed an adverse weather protocol, to consolidate best practices and formalize industry co-ordination and collaboration in preparing for adverse weather.
- Worked with various partners to advance research and development related to greenhouse gas emission reductions, including the Newfoundland and Labrador Oil and Gas Industries Association (Noia), the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA), Petroleum Research Newfoundland and Labrador and governments.

Work plan items that were not completed in Year One due to COVID-19 and related challenges were advanced to the Year Two work plan.





YEAR TWO - FOCUS AREAS

Collaborating for Safety and Sustainability is a living document. As stated in the initial plan released in 2020, focus areas will be recommitted to as appropriate, and new focus areas identified and brought forward at least annually. Based on recommendations stemming from various initiatives undertaken in Year One, as well as additional feedback and discussion between CAPP's committees and its Offshore Policy Group, CAPP will progress the following Year Two focus areas:

- Elevate how the offshore industry shares lessons learned, to continue promoting a culture of transparency and continuous improvement. This focus area includes continuing to meet at least bi-annually with the contractor community and moving forward with the development of a central repository for sharing lessons learned across the industry.
- Promote consistency and alignment across the industry to enhance safety and environmental performance, including continuing collaboration efforts on industry's COVID-19 response and advancing work to assess the effectiveness and potential of enhancements to subsea leak detection and monitoring.
- Continue to develop and enhance training, guidance and best practices to enhance safety and environmental protection, including developing best practices in relation to weak signals and situational awareness.
- Work with the fishing industry to identify and address concerns related to compensation, communication and transparency in spill response, including working with One Ocean to enhance the effectiveness of the One Ocean Oil Spill Communications Protocol.
- Support the province's net-zero commitment through operational efficiencies, research and technology and working to advance the dialogue around the role of oil and natural gas in economic diversification and energy transition, including contributing to and participating in related initiatives undertaken by the governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada.

CAPP members are committed to continuing their collaborative efforts to enhance safety and environmental performance as part of this initiative. CAPP will continue to engage governments, regulators and other stakeholders as work plans progress related to each focus area.

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