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Tracking industry responsiveness to COVID-19

What has happened and why lies ahead?

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Introduction



COVID presented unique challenges for the offshore industry with potential for

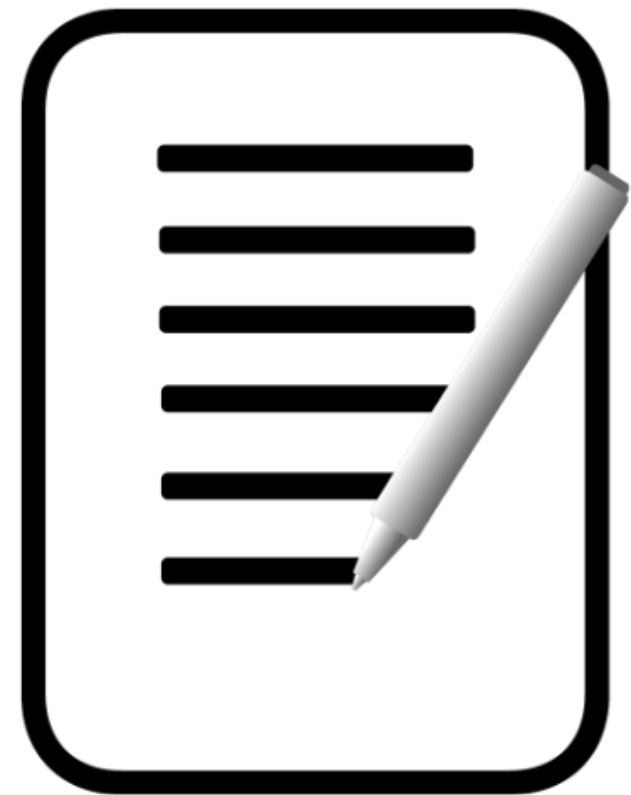
- Multiple fatalities
- Long-term health complications
- Impacts on availability of personnel for safety-critical roles, emergency response
- Risks to essential energy supply

EVERYONE had a role to play

- A real test of flexibility & resilience
- What did that actually mean?
- What lies ahead?

Initial Response

Infectious disease management



Initial Response



Oil Spill Emergency Response Measures



Testing the response



Ongoing impacts

COVID-19 consequences



Oil price volatility

Corporate impacts

Deferred activity: capital and operational

Increased operating costs

Deferred maintenance

Workforce pressures

Supporting the Mental Health of the Workforce



Psychosocial hazards

- Isolation periods prior to travelling offshore
- Changes to work schedules
- Requests for workers to relocate to avoid border closures

Can lead to

- Fatigue
- Stress
- Anxiety
- other symptoms of psychological distress

Call for Action: Offshore Worker Mental Health Survey



A Mental Health Working Group (MHWG) was developed between NOPSEMA, APPEA and the Principal Offshore Unions.

The MHWG has partnered with Curtin University and the University of Western Australia to develop a survey, using evidence-based, research-backed measures which allow the researchers greater insight into the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 and are vital to informing industry and the development of strategies that best support employee mental health and well-being.

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Looking ahead



Any Questions?

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