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Support for Health & Safety Representatives

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Safer Together HSER Forum

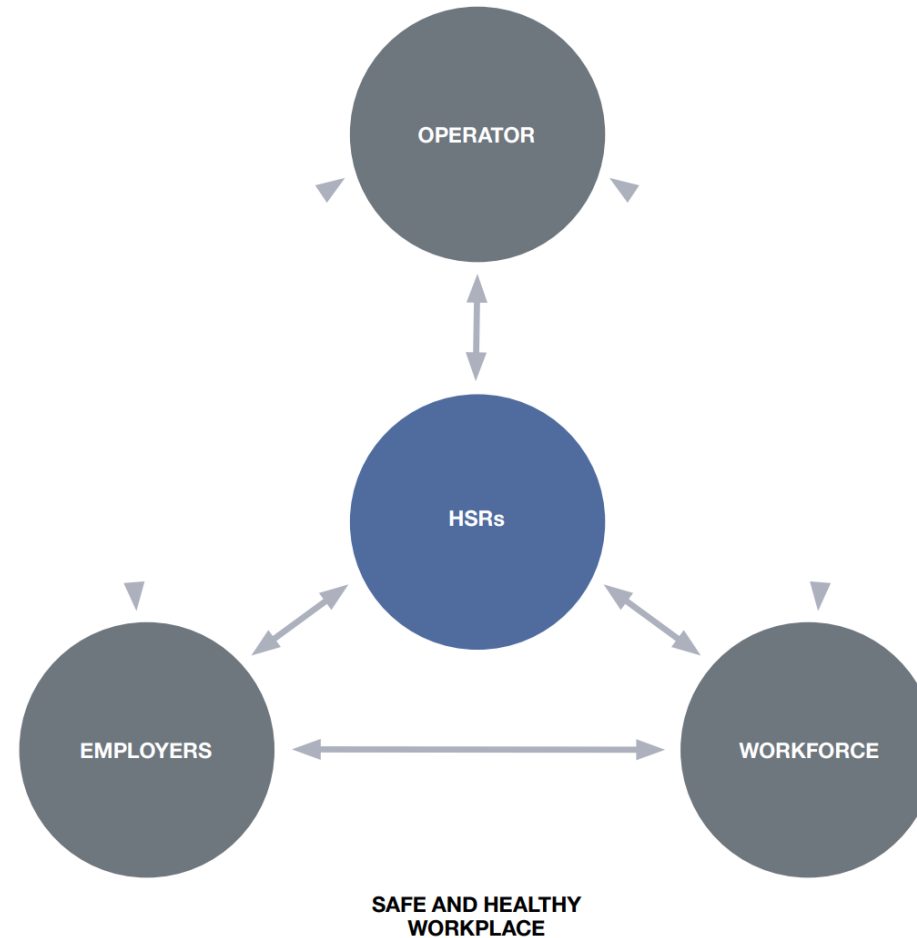
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Today's discussion

- Who is NOPSEMA?
- Your role
- Working together
- Prevention
- Mental Health
- Deferred maintenance



Who Is NOPSEMA?



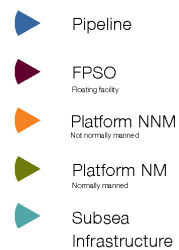
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Who are we?

Facility types

Fixed facilities

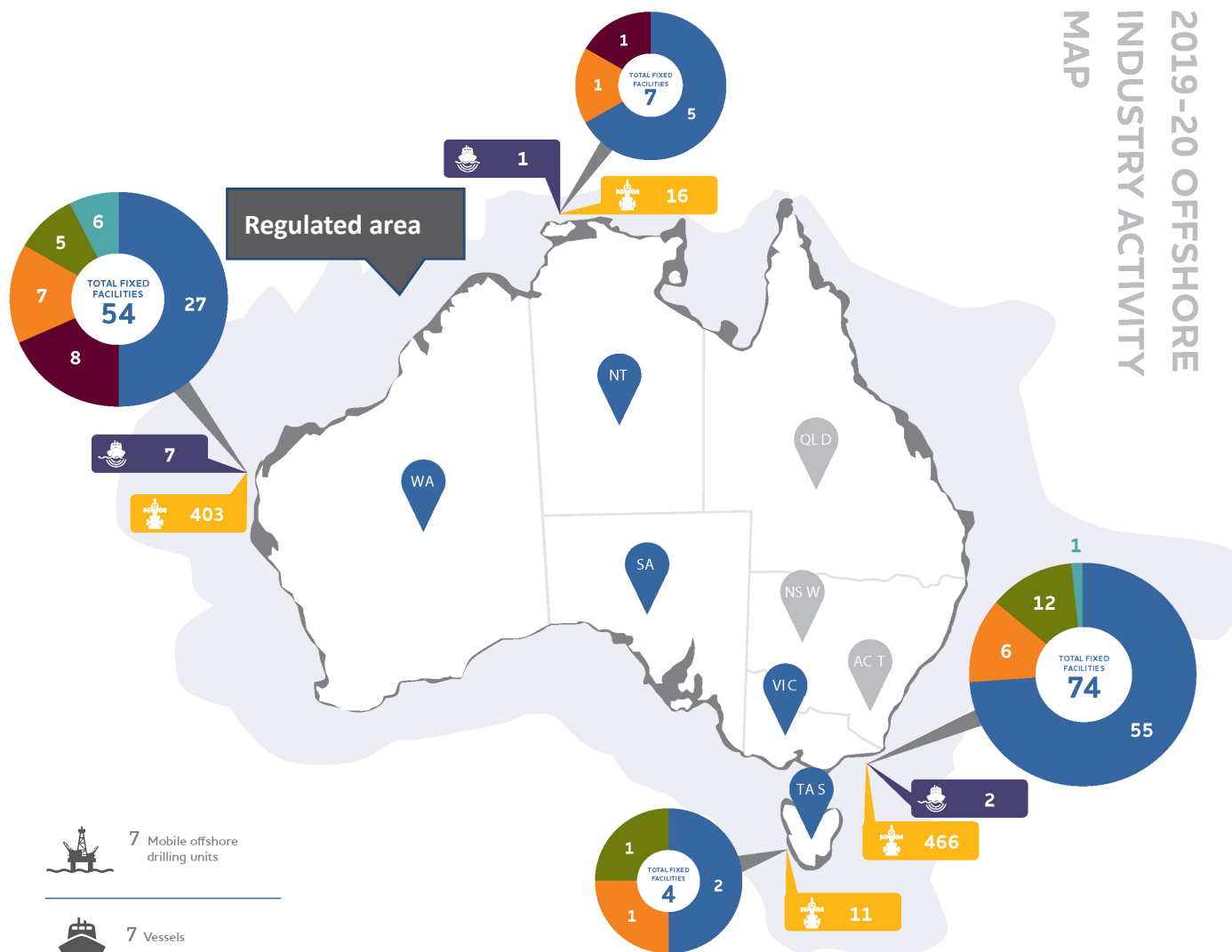


Note: there was no greenhouse gas activity in NOPSEMA's jurisdiction in 2019.

7 Mobile offshore drilling units

7 Vessels

2019-20 OFFSHORE INDUSTRY ACTIVITY MAP



Your Role



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Health and Safety Representative

- Thank you for volunteering
- The HSR role:
 - Challenging
 - Rewarding
 - Vital
- It requires:
 - Tenacity
 - Leadership
 - Relationships
- We value our relationship with HSRs
 - Trust!

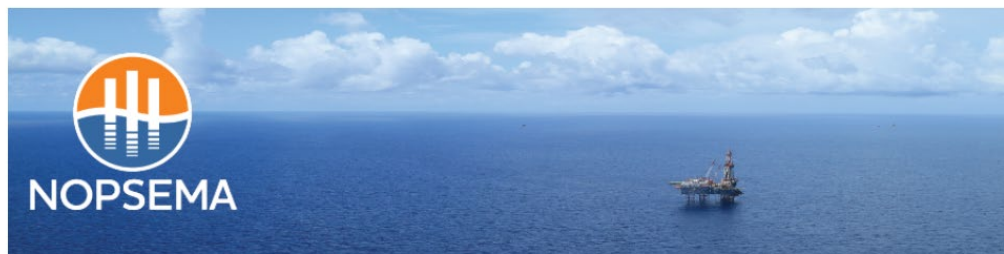


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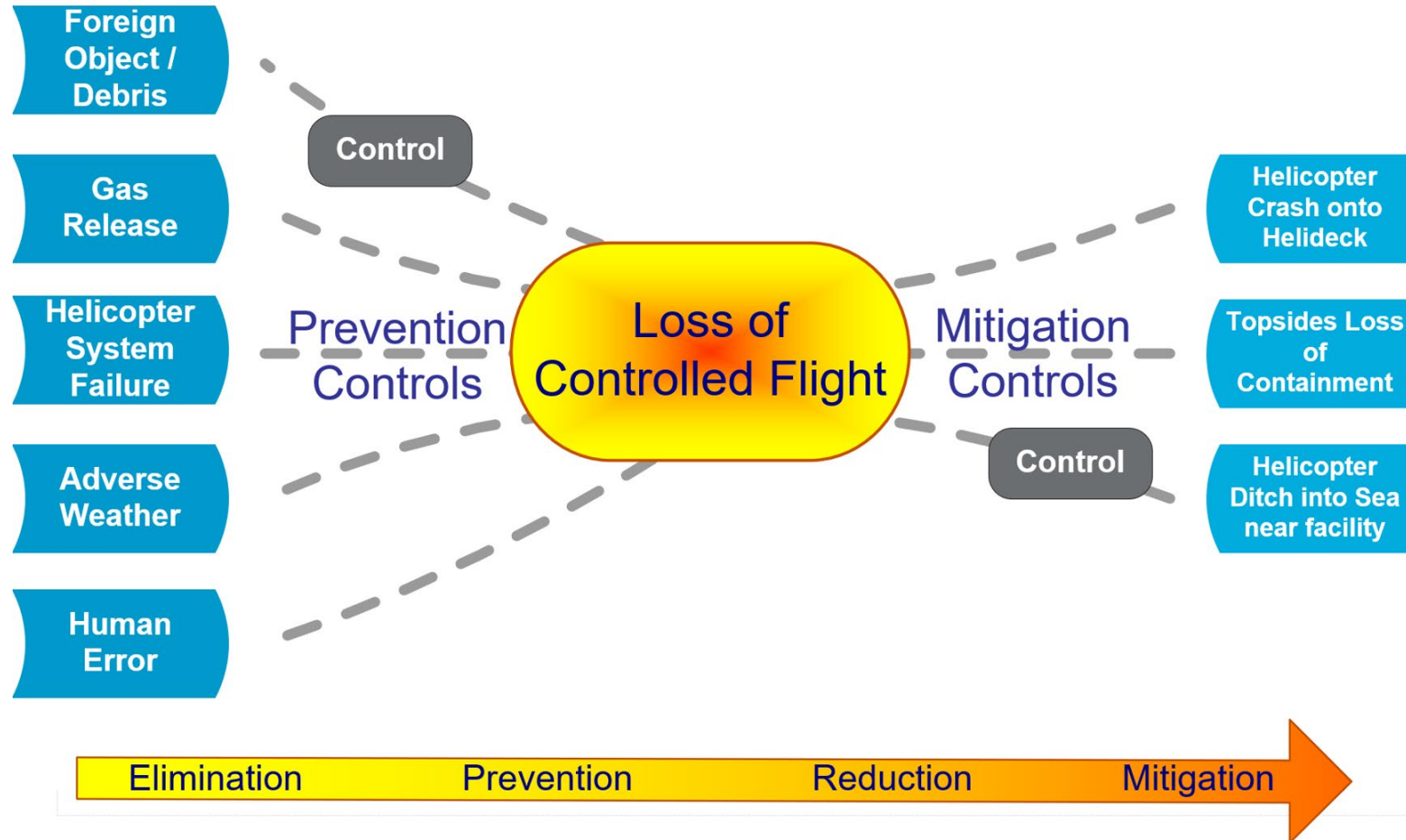
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Working Together



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How NOPSEMA Engages with HSRs

DURING AN INSPECTION

BEFORE AN INSPECTION



- Dates confirmed
- Inspection brief
- Onshore meeting



- Powers to request NOPSEMA to conduct inspection



- Entry and Exit meetings
- Meet privately with HSRs (Safety, Environment and Well Integrity)
- Exit Brief
- Where necessary, enforcement action

- Entry and Exit meetings if available
- Meet privately with inspectors
- Power to accompany NOPSEMA during inspections
- Power to be present at NOPSEMA interviews with work group members



AFTER AN INSPECTION

- Draft of inspection report
- Onshore feedback meeting
- Copy of final inspection report to H&S committee or HSR for DWG if no committee



- HSRs can contact NOPSEMA focal point any time
 - Concerns
 - assistance/advice on legislation
 - HSR powers
 - Engaging with facility management



Communication

- HSRs can contact their focal point outside of inspections for advice and guidance
- Safety Page
 - HSRs – **Sign up now!**
 - Resources
- Resources
 - Published Notices
 - The Regulator magazine
- Raise issues as they become apparent
 - To facility management
 - NOPSEMA focal point
 - NOPSEMA website



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Report an Incident

To report an incident to NOPSEMA we ask you contact us directly via telephone or a written report. All incidents reported must align with the reporting guidelines and be submitted via our submissions page. Please see below for further information regarding reporting an incident.

[1300 674 472](tel:1300674472)

Reporting	▼
How to notify NOPSEMA of an incident	▼
Notification and reporting of a safety incident (Accidents and dangerous occurrences)	▼

Mental Health



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Mental Health



- Psychosocial Hazards
 - Isolation periods prior to travelling offshore
 - Changes to work schedules
 - Extended swings
 - Requests for workers to relocate to avoid border closures
- Can lead to
 - Fatigue
 - Stress
 - Anxiety
 - Human error
 - Other symptoms of psychological distress



Mental Health

- Mental Health Working Group
 - NOPSEMA; APPEA; Principal Offshore Unions
- Offshore Worker Mental Health Survey
 - Curtin University; University of Western Australia
 - Psychosocial impacts of COVID-19
 - Development of strategies that best support employee mental health and well-being.
 - Closed 9/08/21
 - **500 participants – THANK YOU**
 - Under analysis – will report back



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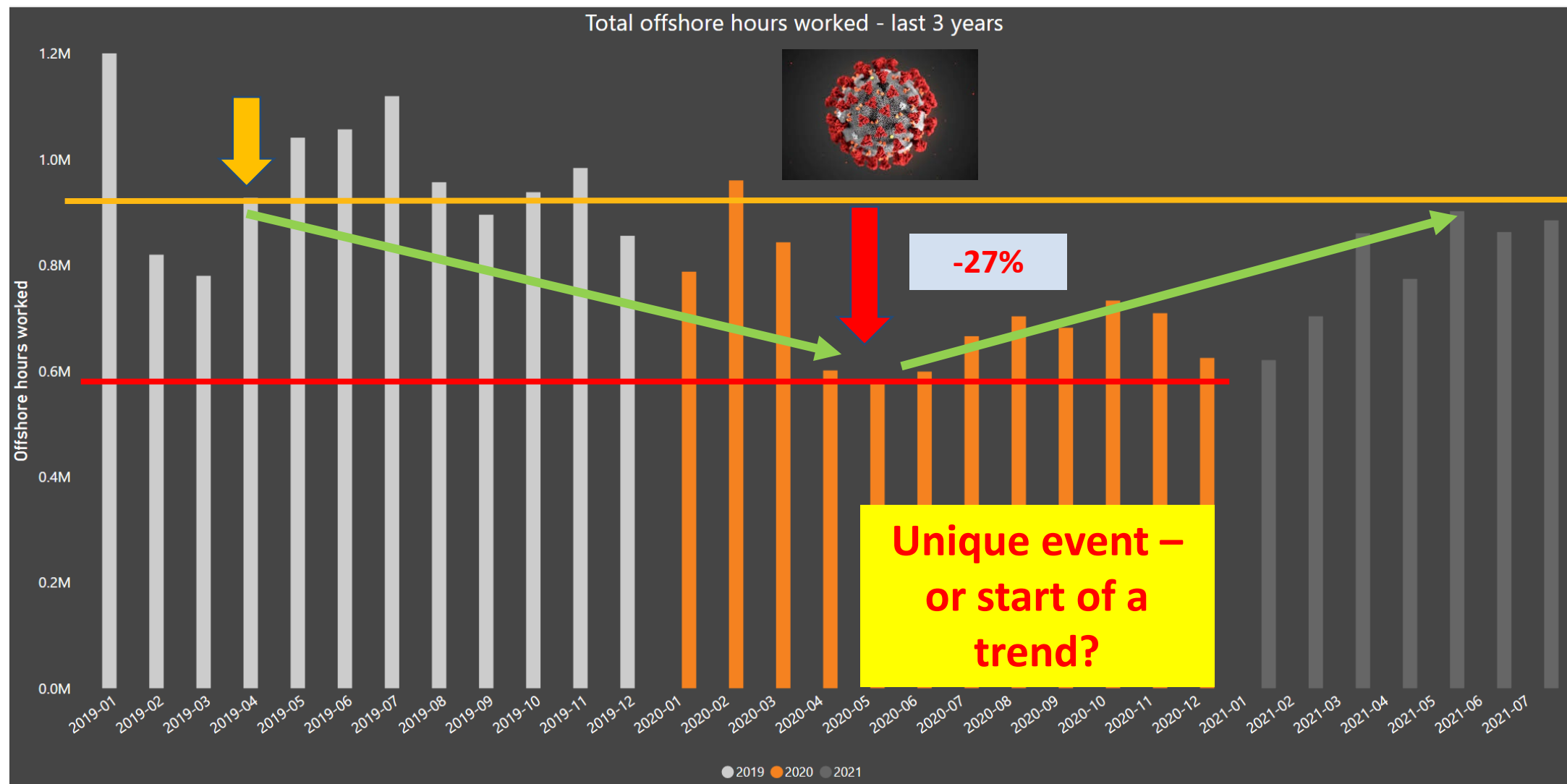
Deferred Maintenance



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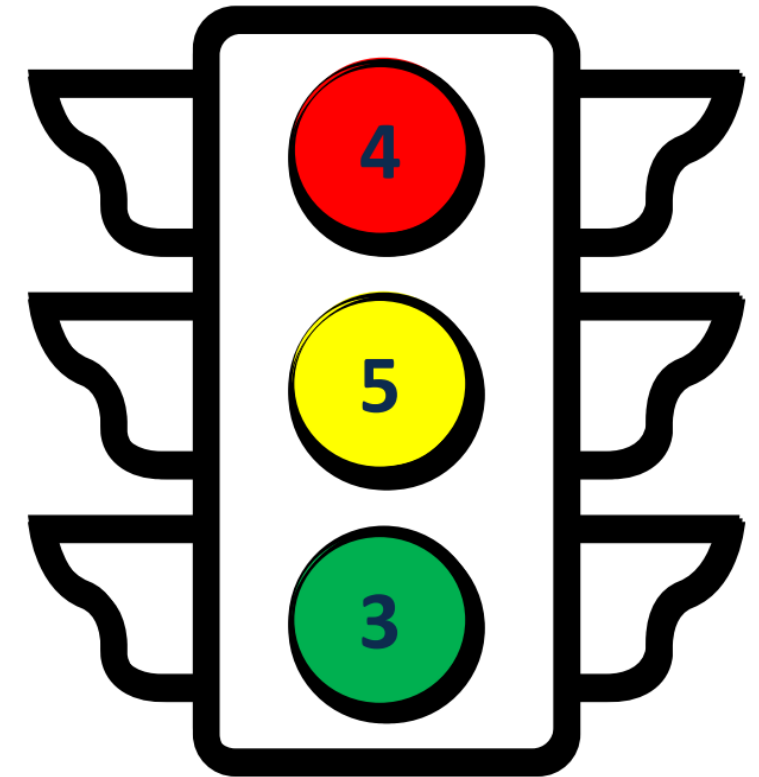
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Deferred Maintenance – Australia offshore hours



Deferred Maintenance

- The 'Effective Operator' uses maintenance deferral to ...
 - Respond to inevitable, but unplanned events (e.g. COVID)
 - Manage and mitigate risk
 - Prioritise activities (e.g. safety critical equipment)
 - Identify trends and respond proactively
 - Allocate resources effectively to reduce risk
- Maintenance deferral is not a tool to ...
 - Justify modifications to performance standards
 - Reduce safety critical assurance activities
 - Re-categorise equipment as non-safety critical
- Seeking better practices
 - Industry survey; engage industry
 - Targeted inspections
 - Work in progress
- **What can you do?**



Questions?



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