



A Radical Approach to Safety - Achieves Early Success

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On the Kerr-McGee Murchison platform Behavioural Safety, which is a new approach to safety, has been implemented. The process empowers those who are most at risk to be guardians of their own safe working. Dave Tweddell (Senior Safety Advisor) took this process to Murchison with the support of Kerr-McGee management, where the response from the platform team was supportive and encouraging.

Volunteers from the workforce who have called themselves "MURCHSAFER" set, measure and monitor their own standards. They picked the things they felt would make a difference, then developed their own measures against which each aspect would be monitored. These were day to day things such as housekeeping, personal protective equipment, manual handling and lifting operations, access to heights, tools and equipment. An early indication of success was in the completion of a recent planned shutdown which was completed without incident. A positive impact of the programme is reflected in the downward trend of accident/injury statistics.

Dave Tweddell said " A key factor in the success of Behavioural Safety is in recognising that employees doing the job have the experience and skills to identify potential hazards. It would be fair to say that it is not the manager or supervisor who gets injured but the employee working at the sharp end".

If workforce involvement is a measure of success, then this process will succeed - with 22 employees volunteering to form a platform management committee.

With encouragement, assistance and support from the Murchsafer committee two other Kerr-McGee installations, Global Producer 111 and the Gryphon FPSO, have now introduced the programme. Other Kerr-McGee North Sea assets are due to follow next year.

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