Petroleum Industry Guiding Principles For Worker Safety

We, the members of the petroleum industry, have a responsibility to protect all workers engaged in its activities from personal injury and health hazards. To meet our responsibility we will operate under the following guiding principles:

RESPONSIBILITY

The operating company, when acting as prime contractor, is responsible for coordination and general supervision of all activities at the work site, including activities carried out by contractors, subcontractors, service companies and suppliers. While all parties have a responsibility to promote worker safety, the operating company recognizes its leadership role in promoting worker health and safety on the basis that it has the greatest power to influence work site situations. It is the responsibility of workers and employers to refuse to perform unsafe work practices.

PRIORITY

Activities will be conducted on the basis that safety of all personnel is of vital importance, whether those personnel are employed by an operating company, a contractor, a sub-contractor, a service company or a supplier.

RECOGNITION

The process of selecting contractors, sub-contractors, service companies and suppliers, and the administration of contracts, will include recognition and support of good safety performance. Support and recognition based on good safety performance will also be provided by all employers to their employees.

IMPROVEMENT

The operating company, in cooperation with service companies within the industry, will promote methods and practices that have potential for improving safety performance.

