

Interim Report of the Task Force on the Future of AWO Safety Leadership

**Annual AWO Regional Meetings
Winter 2011**

Vision of AWO Safety Leadership

- AWO members, by creating strong safety cultures, will lead the industry in safety and environmental stewardship by:
 - Exceeding regulatory minimums
 - Striving for continuous improvement
 - Measuring performance

Key Recommendations

- Audited compliance with safety management system (RCP or ISM)
- Use of continuous improvement process/self-assessment tool
- Collection and reporting of safety statistics

SMS Compliance

- RCP or ISM Code

- RCP:

- Remove standards section and make it a “pure” SMS
- Revise as needed to ensure acceptance under Subchapter M
- Post-Sub M, no AWO role in auditor accreditation

Continuous Improvement Program

- . . . uses a phased implementation plan to assess safety & environmental management systems against key performance indicators. The continuous improvement cycle consists of a continuous feedback loop of planning, acting, measuring & improving. Performance is optimized through gap identification to provide company focus for planning, gap closure & future improvements.

Continuous Improvement

- Add requirement to RCP
- Develop Towing Vessel Safety Assessment (TVSA) tool
 - TMSA₂ or other tools that meet criteria acceptable as alternative

Performance Measurement

- All members report statistics quarterly to 3rd party (Hile Group)
 - AWO gets only aggregate data and list of reporting companies
 - Explore options to make reporting easier (e.g., electronically fillable forms)
 - Three categories (coastal/coastal harbor, inland, inland fleeting)

Near-Miss Reporting/ Sharing Lessons Learned

- Amend RCP to require internal process for collecting/sharing
- Develop process for sharing lessons learned within AWO
- Support governmental effort to establish near-miss reporting system

Environmental Stewardship

- **Need separate, focused treatment**
 - We are earlier on this learning curve; need more pre-work
- **Working group to define vision of leadership in environmental stewardship and how to achieve it**

Next Steps

- **Before April Board meeting:**
 - Regional meeting feedback (Jan.-Feb.)
 - Task Force conference call 2/18
 - Executive Committee feedback 2/24
 - Revise draft recommendations as needed

Next Steps

- **Post-April Board meeting**
 - Accreditation Board begin revising RCP
 - Working group develop TVSA
 - Working group develop mechanism for sharing lessons learned
 - Working group flesh out vision of environmental leadership

Questions and Discussion



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Thanks.