

Health and Safety Executive Webinar: Offshore UKCS Process Isolations – Regulatory Expectations and Learnings

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is hosting a webinar on process isolations in the offshore oil and gas sector, aimed at driving improvement in this critical safety area.

The free online event will take place on 4 December 2025 from 10:30 to 11:30.

Why this matters

Process isolations are a key barrier to preventing major accident hazards when carrying out intrusive work offshore. They involve systems of work and mechanical equipment, such as valves, to prevent the release of flammable and hazardous substances.

HSE continues to investigate loss of containment incidents associated with isolations and finds significant failings during inspections. Process isolations therefore remain a focus area during duty holder interventions.

What attendees will learn

The webinar will reinforce legal requirements and expected practice in the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) offshore and oil and gas sector, using key findings from incidents and regulatory inspections to highlight failings and provide learning opportunities.

Topics covered will include:

- Potential major accident hazards during use of isolations
- Isolation design and selection of standards
- Risk assessment and use of variations from benchmark standards
- Planning and preparation of isolations, including draining, venting, purging and flushing
- Installation, including integrity testing
- Training and competence
- Monitoring, audit and review

The seminar will be presented by Kelly Rose, Editor, Health & Safety Matters, Ashley Hall, Process Safety Specialist, HSE and James McCrae, Process Safety Specialist, HSE.

Who should attend

This webinar is intended for all those involved in isolation activities for offshore installations in the UKCS, from design, installation, approval and audit.

All attendees will receive a CPD certificate.

Howard Harte, Operations Manager (Offshore Regulation) at the Health and Safety Executive, said: "A key part of our role is to highlight the challenges and failings our inspectors identify in the industry, and process isolations continue to lead to incidents requiring HSE investigations.

"This webinar will share our findings to help companies drive self-improvement, as we look to collaborate and work together to improve safety across the industry."

Registration

To register for this webinar, visit [Offshore UKCS Process Isolations – Regulatory Expectations and Learnings](#).

Registration closes on 3 December 2025.

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Further Information:

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