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OVID: new users and a new platform for 2017

OCIMF is making two big changes to the Offshore Vessel Inspection Database (OVID) in January: we are opening up access to non-member companies and we are launching a platform to facilitate new inspection requests.

Previously only OCIMF member companies were able to view Offshore Vessel Inspection Questionnaires (OVIQs), but now non-member offshore companies will be able to apply to

register to use the system as OVID Programme Recipients. The decision to open up access was made through consultation between member companies, the Offshore Marine Committee (OMC) and the OCIMF Secretariat. We hope that this will further improve safety in the offshore industry. OCIMF will begin reviewing new applications from 16 January 2017.

At the same time, OVID will launch a new platform: the Offshore Vessel Inspection Request platform (OVIR). OVIR will allow users to submit new vessel inspection requests when an OVIQ is unavailable. OVID Programme Recipients and Technical Vessel Operators can both submit requests and the platform will send notifications to OVID Submitting Members, who can decide whether to commission an inspection.

Full details on who will be eligible for OVID Programme Recipient status, how to register and how the platform will work can be found on the OVID website at ocimf-ovid.org. Questions can be sent to ovid@ocimf.org.

OVID User Group

Date and time of spring 2017 OUG meeting has changed.

OUG will be held in Houston via face to face and telecom on March 8th, 2017 at 14:00 – 17:00 Houston time. As a reminder the purpose of the OUG is to enable users of the OVID programme, including OVID Accredited Inspectors and Vessel Operators, to provide their comments and feedback on the operations on the programme and where improvement might be considered.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to OVID@ocimf.org and we will add your name to registration list.

Tightening compliance for OVID reports

OVID inspectors are trusted individuals who contribute the reports relied upon by industry for marine assurance.

They rarely miss entering required comments to mandatory inspection questions; but what happens when they do? The simple answer is: nothing. As it currently stands, the report editor will not flag the question as incomplete and there is nothing to stop the report from being uploaded to the OVID database. The report can stay in the database, incomplete, without impact until a reader objects. Companies that buy and download the report expect, rightly, to find mandatory questions populated with information. Once a reader objects to the missing information, a large amount of time is spent chasing the inspector to complete the entry. Fixing these occasional lapses by inspectors takes up a disproportionate amount of time and effort of the vessel operator, the submitting company, the receiving company and the OCIMF Secretariat.

To address this, from 3 April 2017 OCIMF will stop accepting reports submitted by inspectors that have empty comment fields where programme guidance requires a response or mandatory written observation. The report editor will not allow reports to be uploaded until the inspector has entered an observation of at least 15 characters into the comment field. This new way of working will not stop inaccurate entries getting into the system, but it will eliminate hundreds of emails saving a large amount of time for those affected by missing information.

OVID Inspector inspection requirement

For 2017 there will be no change to minimum inspection requirements, but some inspectors will receive waivers for 2016.

Over the past few weeks many OVID accredited inspectors have been asking if the minimum inspection requirement of four will be enforced for 2016. The answer to this is: yes and no. When we conducted a review with members of the OVID Focus Group and Offshore Marine Committee it was agreed that some inspectors should receive waivers for the 2016 minimum inspection requirement.

To qualify for a waiver an inspector must:

1. Not be an employee of an OCIMF member.
2. Have met the minimum inspection requirement for 2015.
3. Have completed at least two OVID inspections during 2016.

If all the above criteria are met, the waiver will be given and inspector will be advised.

The waiver only applies to existing inspectors. Anyone who attended New Inspector courses during 2016, or inspectors who had their accreditation reinstated this year, will have been told during these courses how many inspections they need to complete in 2016.

In 2017 there is no change to the minimum requirement of four OVID inspections per calendar year.

If you have any questions, please email ovidaccredit@ocimf.org.

OVID Inspector courses - 2017

Our courses for 2017 can be found on our website ocimf-ovid.org.

If you are interested in enrolling on either a New Inspector or Refresher course, or have any queries about the courses, please email ovidaccredit@ocimf.org.

OVID current status

OVID numbers as of Oct 1st 2016

Current OCIMF Members using OVID (out of 109 OCIMF members)	68
Number of vessels	9723
Number of Vessels with an OVID Inspection	5987
Number of inspections submitted in last 12 months	2718
Number of vessel operators	1656
Operators with published OVMSA	650
Total Operators who have started the online OVMSA	899

Newsletter registration

Stay up to date with the current OCIMF OVID/Offshore news.

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