

What are the major health, safety, environment and regulatory issues and concerns in worldwide operations?

Drilling contractors recognize that a fragmented approach toward management of their crews and daily operations is counterproductive. Clearly a holistic and balanced view towards health, safety and environment within the overall management system is necessary. Relying upon a common management system, contractors are able to prioritise improvements to achieve a better working environment.

In too many instances, Government has not matched the pace of change for such improvement. Few Governments have moved away from a fragmented approach and remain characterized by a proliferation of disparate departments with individual agendas, weak coordination, and doubtful clarity of purpose or direction. Establishing a cohesive Government approach will facilitate sustainable and consistent direction allowing prioritized focussing of valuable resources on agreed issues.

Industry accepts an integrated, proactive approach to health, safety and environment. Will this conference mark the point at which regulatory agencies worldwide commit to pursuing an integrated set of guiding health, safety and environment principles for local / national / global application? Will that effort be collaborative with industry? Will open dialogue characterize the process?

We can hope.