



IAN WHEWELL, Former Director, HSE Offshore Division

Mr. Whewell is a Chartered Engineer and until his retirement in October 2009 was also a Member of the Institution of Engineering Technology. He graduated from Manchester University in 1970 with a BSc (Hons) in Metallurgy. After a period working as a production engineer in the motor industry, in 1974, he joined the UK Government Regulator the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as an Inspector of Factories. In that role he regulated health and safety standards in a wide range of industries including chemicals, engineering, and foundries. His subsequent work as a Principle Inspector included the management of a team responsible for major hazards, chemical and petrochemical industries in Eastern England. In 1993 Mr. Whewell joined HSE's newly formed Offshore Division (OSD) at the HSE's London headquarters to work on the development of the new offshore legislation to implement the recommendations made by the Cullen Inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster. In 1995 he was promoted to Operations Manager where he managed one of the OSD Operational Units based in Aberdeen whose role was to regulate the health and safety performance offshore industry and was also responsible for the development of OSD's inspection and enforcement strategies. Mr. Whewell became Deputy Director of OSD In 2000, and in January 2006 he became Director of the Offshore Division of HSE's Hazardous Installations Directorate, a post he held until his retirement