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It is my pleasure to reach out to you as the SAFEGULF Chair, a position I have held since June 2013. Since my taking on this role, I have had the distinct privilege of working with the SAFEGULF Advisory Group members focusing on adding greater value for the Oil & Gas Industry by looking at ways to improve the SAFEGULF program. BP, Chevron, Exxon, Anadarko, Apache, Shell, Murphy Oil, and others have been actively involved over the last several years in the development of consistent, minimum health, safety, and the environment (HSSE) training requirements for the contractor community. Under SAFEGULF, all contractors must fulfill the SAFEGULF minimum HSSE training requirements prior to working on operator premises in the Gulf of Mexico. The key elements are:

- All contractors must provide minimum orientation as described under SafeGulf –
Additional specialized skills training may be necessary based on the services a company provides.
- All contractor personnel must be listed in the SAFEGULF Database prior to working on operator premises.

The SAFEGULF program continues to ensure a level playing field and a standard program for quality HSSE awareness and knowledge retention of contractors who work offshore for participating Operators. The SAFEGULF website is currently being revamped to better show the efforts of the organization and subcommittees, but please feel free to peruse the website at www.safegulf.com. The website offers more insight regarding the SAFEGULF guidelines, the SAFEGULF Advisory Board, SAFEGULF Accreditation program, as well as Sub committees. In addition, the minutes of all the meetings held to date will be added to the site.

Delivering Value in the Oil & Gas industry means staying current with industry needs and concerns. Mitigating risks, regulatory compliance, and systematic programs are some of the key goals for all the operators supporting the SAFEGULF Program. The SAFEGULF organization is known in our industry as the organization that has standardized a “basic working offshore on-boarding process” to help prepare individuals to work offshore. Many hours were spent in creating the SAFEGULF Curriculum which focuses on the demands of the industry. The SAFEGULF program has had thousands of attendees since 2006 and continues to be the one course required by participating operators working in the Gulf of Mexico. Currently, the SAFEGULF program is the only accepted

awareness induction program recognized by the participating Oil & Gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico.

We owe it to our industry to continue moving forward to further align the SAFEGULF Curriculum with input from the various members of the Oil & Gas industry. Meetings are on-going with the Center for Offshore Safety (COS), International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organization (OPITO), Offshore Marine Service Association (OMSA), Contractor representatives, and other Oil & Gas Organizations to help optimize the SAFEGULF program.

Historically, the SAFEGULF Advisory Board consisted of Gulf of Mexico Oil & Gas Operators; however, today we realize the value of having a broader membership to better serve the industry. The SAFEGULF Advisory Board recognizes the importance of reaching out to various members working in the Oil & Gas industry to seek further engagement and collaboration to support a program that is well respected in our industry! To this end, I am requesting to know your interest in either:

1. Joining the SAFEGULF Advisory Board in support of the SAFEGULF program;
2. Participating in a Subcommittee of the SAFEGULF Advisory Board
3. Providing input regarding the SAFEGULF curriculum
4. Endorsing the SAFEGULF Program.

Please take the time to consider the above and get involved!! It is my sincere hope you see the greater value we wish to achieve by gaining further acceptance of this program, as well as receiving your support and endorsement of the program. Influencing positive change in our industry is an excellent achievement which can only come to fruition with the engagement of multiple representatives. If you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at 973-270-4567. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexis D. Vitone', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

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