

**Compliance Assurance System Guidelines Consultation Paper  
Respondent Meeting  
Senergy  
Wednesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Location:** Conference Call  
**Time:** 14.30

**Attended by:** Mike Richardson Senergy  
Fred Algie Senergy  
Chris Dykes Senergy  
Liam Murphy CER  
Róisín Cullinan CER  
John Morgan CER Technical Advisor  
Martin Maple CER Technical Advisor

**Minutes:**

1. *Introduction*

- The meeting was opened by CER and attendees were introduced.

2. *Discussion on Senergy responses to the Consultation Paper:*

A number of points relating to the Senergy submission were discussed, including:

**Compliance Assurance Response**

- **Well Examiners**

Senergy questioned the requirement to have well examiners certified to ISO 9001 and pointed out that no well examiners are accredited to this standard.

*CER Response:* CER stated well examination and facilities verification must be carried out to ISO9001, or an equivalent standard, or demonstration of a process that would meet such a standard. The option for the latter will be clarified in the guidance.

- **Independence of Well Examiner**

Senergy queried the independence requirements for well examiners.

*CER Response:* CER stated that this aspect will be further clarified with regard to what qualifies as 'independent'.

- **ICB/Well Examiner Inspection**

Senergy queried the inspection requirements of the ICB and has a concern that they might become fully integrated with the petroleum undertaking given the

prescriptive requirement to examine every stage of the well lifecycle. The highlighted that the system was different from the UK in that the well examiner does not approve in Ireland.

*CER Response:* CER stated that verification is a sampling process, but there is a requirement to examine each stage of the well lifecycle. CER stated the well examiner should be at arm's length from the petroleum undertaking and not fully integrated into the day to day team. CER also stated that the verification scheme should be written to concentrate on areas of high risk.

- **Review of Well Stock Report**

Senegy said the paper would benefit from including a requirement to carry out a periodic review of all well stock.

*CER response:* CER stated that the well examiner must verify all wells from design through to abandonment. Well examination should also be carried out for wells which are in production.