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Evaluation of the Suitability of Industry Standards as MMS Requirements

Executive S	Summary
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Review of IADC Deepwater Guidelines

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Enclosed herein is the research project "Evaluation of the Suitability of Industry Standards as MMS Requirements." Incorporating the valuable work of industry experts into MMS minimum standards results in advances in safety and environmental performance, as well as improved efficiency. The research objectives herein are as follows:

- 1) Review and compare API RPs (Recommended Practices) and the IADC Deepwater Guidelines against existing MMS requirements for items that relate to safety and environmental performance. Recommend items or entire standards for inclusion into MMS requirements.
- 2) Survey 20 GOM rig assessments for 20 different rigs to determine compliance with recommended items or standards from 1).

Industry standards are designed to provide consensus minimum requirements. Voluntary compliance with these standards provides one measure of performance and capabilities for equipment and systems that purchasers can use to evaluate different suppliers. At the same time, because these standards are voluntary from a regulatory perspective, coupled with operators' contracting documents not mandating such compliance, there are items in these standards that are consciously not met, particularly among certain groups. Insofar as these standards are, by all counts, minimum standards, failure to comply with them is a failure to take advantage of the significant cumulative experience of industry experts. This may result in needlessly suffering additional safety or environmental incidents.

The enclosed research paper allows the MMS a very cost effective approach for analyzing industry standards, rigs' current compliance with these voluntary standards, and their prospective impact on drilling operations in MMS waters.

I. Summary of Recommendations

- Significant opportunities exist for the MMS to streamline regulations by eliminating redundancy to existing API Recommended Practices.
- API Recommended Practices 16Q, 16E and 64 are all recommended for inclusion into MMS standards by reference to the API standards.
- Some existing MMS regulations relating to BOP control systems are not covered by API RP 16E and should be left as stand-alone MMS regulations.

•	IADC Deepwater Guidelines can be sufficiently covered through reference to API Recommended Practices and are therefore not recommended for inclusion into MMS requirements.

II. Rig Selection

Rigs were selected for inclusion in this study based on their capability to operate in "deep water" (>3000 ft). WEST is often called to the rig to help in resolution of a specific problem. In some of these cases, assessments may be confined to a limited area of the drilling equipment. For instance, in an assessment where a BOP control system failure has occurred, it is very likely that WEST will not be asked to assess the riser or diverter systems. Conversely, if a riser or riser system failure has occurred, WEST may perform only a cursory review of the BOP and associated control system. In selection of assessments for this study, we attempted to avoid assessments such as those in these two examples.

III. Assessment Point Selection

Assessment points were selected based on:

- WEST's general Acceptance Testing Procedure (ATP), which contains more than 1100 potential
 assessment points, was reviewed to identify the assessment points applicable to the MMS defined
 workscope.
- Points were chosen that were as objective (non subjective) as possible to ensure that the points selected could be clearly assessed to defined criteria.
- You will undoubtedly note that not all well defined assessment points in the reviewed standards are included. Many that are not included were excluded on the basis that, in WEST's experience, "all" rigs comply with these items. A clear example of this is the number of rams and annulars required. Such non-compliances would be glaringly obvious to the knowledgeable surveyors employed by WEST and thus are not included either as a line item on our assessments or in this study.
- WEST ATP's are continuously upgraded documents adding audit points as necessary to reflect current knowledge. Accordingly, some of the older reports may not have assessed each of the selected points and thus have a higher % of "0", or not assessed.

IV. Summary of rig assessments and how they compared to standards:

• In general, the rigs surveyed had a very high level of compliance with MMS and industry standards. Surveyed rigs had a total of 934 compliances with assessment points and 55 that were not in compliance.

- The standard WEST assessment involves identification and resolution of findings, and exception
 reporting those not completed at the time of the surveyor's departure. Thus, WEST reporting only
 records status upon departure, it does not offer condition prior to the assessment.
- Both drilling contractors and operators generally desire and work to achieve compliance to industry standards. Many of the rigs were built before these standards were developed, explaining some degree of non-compliance. Other reasons for non-compliances are simply a matter of timing or lack of understanding of the requirement on the part of the rig personnel. For example, MMS NTL (Accidental Riser Disconnect) No. 2000-G07, two rigs did not comply with, but these rigs were both diligently pursuing implementation at the time of the WEST assessment. Another example is the "single point failure" discussed in API RP 16E, section 16E3, General Requirements. Prior to WEST assessments, some drilling contractors had not fully considered the ramifications of a single BOP control hose between a shuttle valve and the BOP. Failure would render the BOP control system inoperative, constituting a "single point failure" and therefore a lack of compliance with this API RP.

V. Technical Summary

The review of each of the standards included in this workscope has been provided in separate sections for ease of reference. Each section contains:

- An overall summary of the review, with comments on the most significant non-compliance items, designated as Section x.1.
- A list of the assessment points and the study's comparisons and recommendations for each point. This list can be used to review points selected from the section's applicable standard for this study. If there are MMS requirements that apply to each point, they are compared and contrasted to the referenced standard. The list then includes the study's recommendation of inclusion or exclusion of the requirement into MMS regulations. Finally, the degree to which assessed rigs complied to each line item is listed. These lists are designated as Section x.2.
- Detailed lists of compliance by individual items, as well as overall compliance rates for each rig is supplied as well. Ease of reading this data mandated separation of this list into two segments (10 rigs/segment), and is designated as section x.3 (a) and section x.3 (b). Compliance is recorded as indicated below:

X = Out of compliance

O = Item not assessed for this rig

NA = Item not applicable to this rig

C = Item in compliance

• The safety and environmental ramification of each item to which assessed rigs were out of compliance are summarized in the last table, designated as Section x.4.

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Section 2.1

WEST Assessment Points

Review of MMS CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts MMS Project # 01-99-PO-17072

Following is the detailed report of MMS CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts of assessment points that were used in this study. The format is detailed in Section V. Technical Summary, from the Executive Summary.

Following are the highlights from the review of MMS CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts:

- Compliance of included line items was observed upon WEST leaving the rig 84.8% of the time, out of compliance 15.2%.
- Many of the MMS CFR Title 30 OCS Requirements, NTLs and Safety Alerts reviewed in this study are referenced by the API documents included in this study. In some case, the API recommended practices are more stringent than MMS OCS Regulations.
- Some existing MMS CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts are not covered by API and are good requirements for enhancing the safety of drilling operations.
- Most of the MMS assessment items are redundant with API Recommended Practices. API Recommended Practices are periodically updated. Including them by reference allows the MMS to take most rapid advantage of industry developments.

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Section 2.2												
Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C					
Perform an accumulator volume test. Verify accumulator system is providing sufficient capacity to supply 1.5 times the volume of fluid necessary to close and hold closed all BOP equipment units with a minimum pressure of 200 psi above the precharge pressure.	See Attachment 1	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.1	17	3	0	100.00%	0.00%					
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air and without a secondary source of pneumatic supply are equipped with manual overrides or alternately, other devices provided to ensure capability of hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.	API RP 16E section 3.5.1 exceeds the MMS requirement. Recommendation: Adopt the 16E wording by reference.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.1 and API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1	4	16	0	100.00%	0.00%					
Verify that a backup to the primary accumulator-charging system is automatic, supplied by a power source independent from the power source to the primary accumulator-charging system, and possess sufficient capability to close all BOP components and hold them closed.	1	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.2	9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%					
Verify that there is at least one operable remote BOP control station in addition to the one on the drilling floor Check to ensure the control station is in a readily accessible location away from the drilling floor.	technical standard, as compared to OCS. Recommendations: Adopt section 13.5	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.3	5	15	0	100.00%	0.00%					

	WEST Comparison and						% out of
Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Ensure that manifold equipment subject to well and/or pump pressure, (valves, pipes, flexible steel hoses and other fittings upstream of and including the choke manifold) has a minimum working pressure at least equal to or greater than the rated working pressure of the ramtype BOP's.	API RP # 53, sections 11.3.b and 9.2.1 a adequately address this issue to the same standard. Recommendation: Adopt Section 11.3 by reference.	MMS CFR Title 30 Chapter II, Part 250.406, paragraph d.7.i	14	6	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that all components of the Choke manifold system are protected from the danger, if any, of freezing by heating, draining, or filling with proper fluids.	This item is not auditable. API addresses "Retained Fluids" in API Specification 16C, section 9.16.12. RP # 53 section 9.2.1.h addresses freezing and proper fluids. Recommendation: Omit this MMS requirement. Adopt API RP #53 by reference.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.ii	9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that when buffer tanks are installed downstream of the choke assemblies for the purpose of manifolding the bleed lines together, isolation valves are installed on each line.	API RP #53, figure #9 shows isolation valves. Isolation valves, prior to a buffer tank, are standard. Recommendation: Reference RP 53 section 9. Omit this requirement from OCS documents.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.iii	10	10	0	100.00%	0.00%
All low pressure testing will be conducted prior to high pressure testing.	API RP # 53 section 18.3.2.1 addresses the MMS issues. Recommendation: Reference this section of API. Omit from OCS regulations.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraph b.1	2	18	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that Variable Bore Rams (VBRs) are tested on all sizes of pipe that will be used on the well (excluding drill collars and bottom hole tools).	API RP # 53 does not address this issue. Recommendation: This is a good MMS regulation and should be retained in the OCS documents.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraphs b.1 and d.6 and API 16A Section 7.5.8.7.3.	1	17	2	89.47%	10.53%

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Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C
Verify diverter system is equipped with remote-controlled valves in the flow and vent lines that can be operated from at least one remote-control station in addition to the one on the drilling floor.	API RP # 53, section 5.2.3 addresses sequencing of valves. Recommendation: Omit this OCS regulation. RP #53 does not adequately state the second control panel is recommended. RP 64 is referenced in RP #53. RP 64, section 3.6.10.2 also does not recommend a second panel. Recommendation: Reword this requirement to only include the need for a second panel. Leave in the OCS documents.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify no manual or butterfly valve is installed in any part of the diverter system.	API RP #53 addresses this issue in section 5.2.3. Recommendation: Omit this from the OCS documents.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify all right-angle and sharp turns are targeted.	API RP # 64, section 3.5.2 addresses this topic well and far surpasses guidance provided by MMS. Recommendation: Reference this section in RP # 64.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	10	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify the entire diverter system is firmly anchored and supported to prevent whipping and vibration.	API RP # 64, section 3.5.3 addresses this topic well and far surpasses guidance provided by MMS. Recommendation: Reference this section in RP # 64.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	10	9	1	90.00%	10.00%
Ensure all diverter system components have a rated working pressure of at least 200 psi.	API RP # 64, section 3.1.1 addresses this topic well and far surpasses guidance provided by MMS. Recommendation: Reference this section in RP # 64.	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 & MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph f.	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%

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Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C					
Verify the choke and kill line outlets are above the lower most ram. A kill line below the lower most rams can be approved if requested in the Application to Drill, APD.	API RP # 53, section 11.3e discusses this issue but does not address the MMS concern of a failed kill or choke outlet beneath the lower pipe rams. Recommendation: The APD requesting outlets beneath the LPR should address techniques to avoid washed out ring grooves. These include makeup procedure, face to face contact between the hubs or flanges and the frame inducing a bending moment on the outlet, "Frame Flex Test".	10 May 1999.	7	12	1	92.31%	7.69%					
To ensure that an accidental release of the LMRP connector does not occur while conducting operations from floating drilling rigs, accomplish all of the following by March 17, 2000:	RP 16 E.3.6.6 discusses transparent safety covers on critical function. Recommendation: Review and combine MMS requirements and guidance on this issue. Please state recommendations in an auditable format.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000. (Even if not in MMS waters, this directive should still be considered.)	15	3	2	60.00%	40.00%					
1. Implement measures to lock out any LMRP disconnect (hydraulic or electrohydraulic) that is not part of a sequential disconnect process (i.e., a process that ensures that a well is secured by blindshear rams before the riser disconnects) before the BOP/LMRP enters the water.	Same as above.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000	16	2	2	50.00%	50.00%					

	WEST Comparison and						% out of
Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
2. Ensure that the sequential LMRP	Same as above.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07	16	3	1	75.00%	25.00%
disconnect process (including isolating		dated February 22, 2000					
the wellbore) is designed so that the							
LMRP can be disconnected only as the							
result of a deliberate act.							

Section 2.2												
Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C					
3. Implement human engineering measures such as labeling the LMRP panel button to clearly distinguish it from other functions and using warning labels.		MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000	16	3	1	75.00%	25.00%					
MMS Safety Alert No. 186 was issued after MMS NTL No. 2000-G07. The following is now required:	Same as above.	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	17	3	0	100.00%	0.00%					
1. A risk and consequence analysis should be performed prior to making any of the changes listed in MMS NTL No. 2000-G07. Further, when instituting these necessary changes, communication of current activities is critical in performing this operation safe.	Same as above.	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	18	2	0	100.00%	0.00%					
2. The MMS considers a backup BOP actuation system (such as an ROV) to be an essential component of a deepwater drilling system and, therefore, expects OCS operators to have reliable back-up systems for actuating the BOP in the event that the marine rise.	Same as above.	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	17	3	0	100.00%	0.00%					

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Perform an accumulator volume test.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	С
Verify accumulator system is providing	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
sufficient capacity to supply 1.5 times the	d.1										
volume of fluid necessary to close and											
hold closed all BOP equipment units											
with a minimum pressure of 200 psi											
above the precharge pressure.											
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	С	С
and without a secondary source of	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
pneumatic supply are equipped with	d.1 and API RP-16E, Section										
manual overrides or alternately, other	16E.3.5.1										
devices provided to ensure capability of											
hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.											
Verify that a backup to the primary	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	С
accumulator-charging system is	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
automatic, supplied by a power source	d.2										
independent from the power source to the											
primary accumulator-charging system,											
and possess sufficient capability to close											
all BOP components and hold them											
closed.											
Verify that there is at least one operable	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0
remote BOP control station in addition to	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
the one on the drilling floor Check to	d.3										
ensure the control station is in a readily											
accessible location away from the drilling											
floor.											

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Ensure that manifold equipment subject to well and/or pump pressure, (valves, pipes, flexible steel hoses and other fittings upstream of and including the choke manifold) has a minimum working pressure at least equal to or greater than the rated working pressure of the ramtype BOP's.	MMS CFR Title 30 Chapter II, Part 250.406, paragraph d.7.i	0	0	0	0	0	С	С	0	C	0
Verify that all components of the Choke manifold system are protected from the danger, if any, of freezing by heating, draining, or filling with proper fluids.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.ii	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	С	0
Verify that when buffer tanks are installed downstream of the choke assemblies for the purpose of manifolding the bleed lines together, isolation valves are installed on each line.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.iii	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	С	0
All low pressure testing will be conducted prior to high pressure testing.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraph b.1	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
Verify that Variable Bore Rams (VBRs) are tested on all sizes of pipe that will be used on the well (excluding drill collars and bottom hole tools).	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraphs b.1 and d.6 and API 16A Section 7.5.8.7.3.	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	X	С	С
Verify diverter system is equipped with remote-controlled valves in the flow and vent lines that can be operated from at least one remote-control station in addition to the one on the drilling floor.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	С	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify no manual or butterfly valve is installed in any part of the diverter system.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	С	0	0
Verify all right-angle and sharp turns are targeted.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	С	С	С	N/A	0	0	С	С	0	0
Verify the entire diverter system is firmly anchored and supported to prevent whipping and vibration.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	С	0	0
Ensure all diverter system components have a rated working pressure of at least 200 psi.	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 & MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph f.	С	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0	0
Verify the choke and kill line outlets are above the lower most ram. A kill line below the lower most rams can be approved if requested in the Application to Drill, APD.	MMS NTL No 99-Go9, dated 10 May 1999.	С	С	С	С	Х	С	С	С	0	0
To ensure that an accidental release of the LMRP connector does not occur while conducting operations from floating drilling rigs, accomplish all of the following by March 17, 2000:	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000. (Even if not in MMS waters, this directive should still be considered.)	С	0	Х	0	Х	0	0	0	0	0
1. Implement measures to lock out any LMRP disconnect (hydraulic or electrohydraulic) that is not part of a sequential disconnect process (i.e., a process that ensures that a well is secured by blindshear rams before the riser disconnects) before the BOP/LMRP enters the water.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000	С	0	Х	0	Х	0	0	0	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
2. Ensure that the sequential LMRP disconnect process (including isolating the wellbore) is designed so that the LMRP can be disconnected only as the result of a deliberate act.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000	С	0	Х	0	С	0	0	0	0	0
3. Implement human engineering measures such as labeling the LMRP panel button to clearly distinguish it from other functions and using warning labels.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000	С	0	Х	0	С	0	0	0	0	0
MMS Safety Alert No. 186 was issued after MMS NTL No. 2000-G07. The following is now required:	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	С	0	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0
1. A risk and consequence analysis should be performed prior to making any of the changes listed in MMS NTL No. 2000-G07. Further, when instituting these necessary changes, communication of current activities is critical in performing this operation safe.	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. The MMS considers a backup BOP actuation system (such as an ROV) to be an essential component of a deepwater drilling system and, therefore, expects OCS operators to have reliable back-up systems for actuating the BOP in the event that the marine rise.	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	С	0	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0
	С	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%	100.0%	72.7%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Perform an accumulator volume test.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify accumulator system is providing	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
sufficient capacity to supply 1.5 times the	d.1										
volume of fluid necessary to close and											
hold closed all BOP equipment units											
with a minimum pressure of 200 psi											
above the precharge pressure.											
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С
and without a secondary source of	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
pneumatic supply are equipped with	d.1 and API RP-16E, Section										
manual overrides or alternately, other	16E.3.5.1										
devices provided to ensure capability of											
hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.											
Verify that a backup to the primary	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
accumulator-charging system is	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
automatic, supplied by a power source	d.2										
independent from the power source to the											
primary accumulator-charging system,											
and possess sufficient capability to close											
all BOP components and hold them											
closed.											
Verify that there is at least one operable	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
remote BOP control station in addition to	II, Section 250.406, paragraph										
	d.3										
ensure the control station is in a readily											
accessible location away from the drilling											
floor.											

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Ensure that manifold equipment subject to well and/or pump pressure, (valves, pipes, flexible steel hoses and other fittings upstream of and including the choke manifold) has a minimum working pressure at least equal to or greater than the rated working pressure of the ramtype BOP's.	MMS CFR Title 30 Chapter II, Part 250.406, paragraph d.7.i	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that all components of the Choke manifold system are protected from the	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.ii	С	0	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
installed downstream of the choke	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.7.iii	С	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
conducted prior to high pressure testing.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraph b.1	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	С
Verify that Variable Bore Rams (VBRs) are tested on all sizes of pipe that will be used on the well (excluding drill collars and bottom hole tools).	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraphs b.1 and d.6 and API 16A Section 7.5.8.7.3.	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	Х	0	С
Verify diverter system is equipped with remote-controlled valves in the flow and vent lines that can be operated from at least one remote-control station in addition to the one on the drilling floor.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, paragraph c	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0	0	0

Codes: 0 = Not checked

C = In Compliance

X = Not in Compliance

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify no manual or butterfly valve is	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	0	0	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
installed in any part of the diverter	II, Section 250.409, paragraph										
system.	С										
Verify all right-angle and sharp turns are	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	0	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
targeted.	II, Section 250.409, paragraph										
	С										
Verify the entire diverter system is firmly	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	0	С	X	0	С	0	0	0	0
anchored and supported to prevent	II, Section 250.409, paragraph										
whipping and vibration.	С										
Ensure all diverter system components	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 &	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	0
have a rated working pressure of at least	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter										
200 psi.	II, Section 250.409, paragraph										
	f.										
Verify the choke and kill line outlets are	MMS NTL No 99-Go9, dated	С	0	С	С	0	С	С	0	0	0
above the lower most ram. A kill line	10 May 1999.										
below the lower most rams can be											
approved if requested in the Application											
to Drill, APD.											
To ensure that an accidental release of the	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LMRP connector does not occur while	dated February 22, 2000.										
conducting operations from floating	(Even if not in MMS waters,										
drilling rigs, accomplish all of the	this directive should still be										
following by March 17, 2000:	considered.)										
1	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
· •	dated February 22, 2000										
hydraulic) that is not part of a sequential											
disconnect process (i.e., a process that											
ensures that a well is secured by blind-											
shear rams before the riser disconnects)											
before the BOP/LMRP enters the water.											

Codes: 0 = Not checked

C = In Compliance

X = Not in Compliance

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
2. Ensure that the sequential LMRP	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
disconnect process (including isolating	dated February 22, 2000										
the wellbore) is designed so that the											
LMRP can be disconnected only as the											
result of a deliberate act.											
3. Implement human engineering	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
measures such as labeling the LMRP	dated February 22, 2000										
panel button to clearly distinguish it from											
other functions and using warning labels.											
MMS Safety Alert No. 186 was issued	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
after MMS NTL No. 2000-G07. The											
following is now required:											
A risk and consequence analysis	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
should be performed prior to making any											
of the changes listed in MMS NTL No.											
2000-G07. Further, when instituting											
these necessary changes, communication											
of current activities is critical in											
performing this operation safe.											
2. The MMS considers a backup BOP	MMS Safety Alert No. 186	0.0%	С	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
actuation system (such as an ROV) to be											
an essential component of a deepwater											
drilling system and, therefore, expects											
OCS operators to have reliable back-up											
systems for actuating the BOP in the											
event that the marine rise.											
	С	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	0.0%	100.0%

WEST MMS Assessment Points - CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts Out of Compliances Section 2.4

Assessment Points	Reference	830	862	847	796	843	Safety Issue
Verify that Variable Bore Rams (VBRs) are tested on all sizes of pipe that will be used on the well (excluding drill collars and bottom hole tools). Verify the choke and kill line outlets are	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.407, paragraphs b.1 and d.6 and API 16A Section 7.5.8.7.3. MMS NTL No 99-	X	X		X		One level of redundancy is lost as a set of VBR's are not functioning properly. Rigs would be dependent on the other set of rams, the annular and finally the blind shear ram to contain the well. Failure of a choke line installed below the
above the lower most ram. A kill line below the lower most rams can be approved if requested in the Application to Drill, APD.	Go9, dated 10 May 1999.						bottom most ram could result in a blowout because this configuration does not provide a backup system for proper well control.
To ensure that an accidental release of the LMRP connector does not occur while conducting operations from floating drilling rigs, accomplish all of the following by March 17, 2000:	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000. (Even if not in MMS waters, this directive should still be considered.)		X	X			A disconnect will allow the release of drilling mud from the riser and can potentionally result in a well control event caused by a loss of riser hydrostatics.
1. Implement measures to lock out any LMRP disconnect (hydraulic or electrohydraulic) that is not part of a sequential disconnect process (i.e., a process that ensures that a well is secured by blindshear rams before the riser disconnects) before the BOP/LMRP enters the water.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000		Х	Х			A disconnect will allow the release of drilling mud from the riser and can potentionally result in a well control event caused by a loss of riser hydrostatics.
2. Ensure that the sequential LMRP disconnect process (including isolating the wellbore) is designed so that the LMRP can be disconnected only as the result of a deliberate act.	MMS NTL No. 2000-G07 dated February 22, 2000			X			A disconnect will allow the release of drilling mud from the riser and can potentionally result in a well control event caused by a loss of riser hydrostatics.

WEST MMS Assessment Points - CFR Title 30, NTLs and Safety Alerts Out of Compliances Section 2.4

Assessment Points	Reference	830	862	847	796	843	Safety Issue
3. Implement human engineering	MMS NTL No.			Χ			A disconnect will allow the release of drilling
measures such as labeling the LMRP	2000-G07 dated						mud from the riser and can potentionally
panel button to clearly distinguish it	February 22, 2000						result in a well control event caused by a loss
from other functions and using warning							of riser hydrostatics.
labels.							
Verify the entire diverter system is	MMS CFR Title					X	High flow rates through a diverter system un-
firmly anchored and supported to	30, Chapter II,						anchored will present a safety hazard as the
prevent whipping and vibration.	Section 250.409,						piping could eventually wash out allowing
	paragraph c						hydrocarbons in the immediate rig area.

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Section 3.1

WEST Assessment Points

Review of API RP 16E, 1st edition – "Recommended Practice for Design of Control Systems for Drilling Well Control Equipment"

MMS Project # 01-99-PO-17072

Following is the detailed report of API RP 16E assessment points that were used in this study. The format is detailed in Section V. Technical Summary from the Executive Summary.

Following are the highlights from the review of API RP 16E:

- Compliance of included line items was observed upon WEST leaving the rig 98.4% of the time, out of compliance 1.6%.
- Current MMS regulations address only a few of the requirements stipulated in API 16E. There are some items currently required by MMS that are not referenced by API RP 16E.
- API RP 16E provides good guidelines for drilling equipment control systems.
- All assessment points included in this study are recommended for inclusion into MMS requirements by reference to API RP 16E.
- Several of the assessment points for API RP 16E are complimentary to MMS NTLs concerning accidental riser disconnect. These items are so noted in the attached information.

Based on this review, it is recommended that MMS requirements be revised to include all of API RP 16E by reference. The additional MMS regulations not covered by API RP 16E should be left as stand-alone requirements for OCS operations.

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Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C
Electrical and/or air supply for powering pumps should be available at all times per API 16E. Check if electric pump is connected to the emergency generator.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API 16E, paragraph 16E 2.3 and 3.3	5	15	0	100.00%	0.00%
Accumulators should have ASME Section VIII Division I code stamp.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E, Section 2.4	17	3	0	100.00%	0.00%
Identify potential single point failures that could cause the loss of redundancy and/or independent systems due to hose and shuttle valve placement. Address if practical to modify or replace hose with hard piping for improved reliability.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included in MMS as a directive. WEST frequently identifies potential single point failures in rig assessments. Given the potential consequences of these failures, inclusion this item by reference is appropriate.	API RP 16E, Section 3 and RP 53, Section 13.1.	9	7	4	63.64%	36.36%
Verify that the control system for a subsea BOP stack is capable of closing each ram BOP in 45 sec. or less and each annular in 60 seconds or less.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.1	10	10	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify the usable control system fluid reservoir capacity is at least equal to the total accumulator storage capacity as determined in API RP 16E.3.4.1.	This API recommended practice for this item is more stringent than in MMS regulations. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API as adequate accumulator capacity is essential to proper BOP operation.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.2.1 and 16E.4.2	7	13	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the low fluid level alarm sounds and illuminates at the master, driller's and auxiliary remote panels.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.2.2 and 16E.4.2.	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the subsea BOP control system has a minimum of two pump systems (primary & secondary)	This item is currently included in MMS regulations and the items are equivalent. Due to duplication, WEST recommends this item be removed from MMS regulation and included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.3 and 16E.4.3.	7	13	0	100.00%	0.00%

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Accumulator system should be arranged such that the loss of an individual accumulator and/bank should not result in more than 25% of accumulator system capacity.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16E Section 3.4.	9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the remote control system permits operation of all the surface control functions at least two times after the loss of rig air and/or electric power.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1	15	5	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air and without a secondary source of pneumatic supply are equipped with manual overrides or alternately, other devices provided to ensure capability of hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.	This item is currently included in MMS regulations and the items are equivalent. Due to duplication, WEST recommends this item be removed from MMS regulation and included by reference to the API.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.1 and API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1	4	16	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify provisions are made so that any rig service failures to the remote controls for the surface regulators should not cause loss of subsea pressure regulator setting or control.	This item is currently included in MMS regulations and the items are equivalent. Due to duplication, WEST recommends this item be removed from MMS regulation and included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1.	9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify the hydraulic control manifold contains a visible and audible alarm for low accumulator pressure, low rig air pressure and loss of primary electrical power supply. Test system.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.5.5	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
Verify the following visual and audible alarms are included in the driller's panel and are operational when testing the accumulator unit. These alarms may be included on other panels:	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16E, Section 16E.3.6.2.1					
Verify all lamps show green when in the drilling mode and red in the "abnormal" mode.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.6.4.2	11	8	1	88.89%	11.11%

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Ensure covers are installed over the	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E Section	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
following functions: riser connector	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.6.6					
unlatch, riser connector secondary, shear	included by reference to the API.						
ram close, casing shear if applicable,							
wellhead connector unlatch, EDS if							
applicable.							
Ensure the enable button is connected to	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E Section	10	10	0	100.00%	0.00%
all functions. Verify no functions operate	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.6.7					
without first depressing the enable push-	included by reference to the API. This						
button.	item relates to the recent MMS NTL						
	concerning accidental riser disconnect.						
Verify that any enclosure door with	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
electrical components mounted on it has	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.6.13					
a ground strap connecting the door to the	included by reference to the API. This						
main enclosure.	item relates to the recent MMS NTL						
	concerning accidental riser disconnect.						
Verify that if an air purge system is used,	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section	11	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
a loss of air purge in any junction box or	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.6.19					
control panel activates an alarm at the	included by reference to the API.						
affected panel and at the driller's panel.							
Verify that the driller has the means to	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section	14	4	2	66.67%	33.33%
electrically disconnect or totally isolate	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.6.19					
the Driller's panel or junction box if a	included by reference to the API.						
hazardous condition occurs.							
Verify control panel is protected by	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E Section	18	2	0	100.00%	0.00%
circuit breaker in each main power	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.3.8.3					
connection.	included by reference to the API.						
Verify that the electrical control unit is	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
being supplied with electrical power from	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.4.5.1					
an uninterruptible power supply.	included by reference to the API.						

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C				
Verify integrity of control unit memory as	•	API RP-16E Section	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%				
follows:	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.4.5.3									
1. To ensure the position indicators do	included by reference to the API.										
not have a default position perform the											
following: With the system operational,											
randomly activate equipment to obtain a											
function status condition of the system.											
Record this status as the initial condition.											
2. Remove all power sources to the											
control unit.											
3. After a short period of time (5											
minutes), restore power to the control											
unit.											
4. Record status as restoration condition.											
Compare the initial condition to the											
restoration condition. Upon restoration											
of power, the system should display the											
status of all functions as they were prior											
to the loss of power. The initial and											
restoration conditions should be identical.											
Electrical connector testing should be in	This item is not currently included in	API RP 16E Section 16E	15	5	0	100.00%	0.00%				
accordance with connector manufacturer's	•	4.10.5									
testing procedures. Verify that all	included by reference to the API.										
underwater electrical umbilical cable											
termination's are water blocked to prevent											
water migration up the cable in the event											
of connector failure or leakage and to											
prevent water migration from the cable											
into the subsea connector termination in											
the event of water intrusion into the											
cable.											

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C				
and backup power supply (UPS):	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	15	5	0	100.00%	0.00%				
activated upon loss of primary power	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	16	4	0	100.00%	0.00%				
will be maintained for 2 hours allowing	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	17	3	0	100.00%	0.00%				
\mathcal{E}	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Section 16E.4.11.7	15	5	0	100.00%	0.00%				
	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16E Section 16E.4.11.9	14	6	0	100.00%	0.00%				
system is capable of operating the vent	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and API RP-64, Section 3.6.3	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%				

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Verify the pump system(s) is capable of	This item is not currently included in	API 16E Section 16E.5.3.1	14	6	0	100.00%	0.00%
recharging the primary diverter control	MMS. WEST recommends this item be						
system accumulators to full system	included by reference to the API.						
design pressure within five minutes or							
less after one complete divert mode							
operation of the diverter control system.							

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C					
Verify an alternate means is employed to	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section	9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%					
permit sequencing the diverter system	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.5.3.2										
should the primary closing system	included by reference to the API.											
become inoperative. Examples include a												
separate pump system or separate												
isolated accumulator capacity.												
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Verify the diverter control system has	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E, Section 16E.5.4	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%					
sufficient accumulator capacity to provide the usable hydraulic fluid volume (with												
pumps inoperative) required to operate all	included by reference to the API.											
of the divert mode functions plus 50%												
reserve.												
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The diverter system should have an	This item is not currently included in	API RP 16E, Section	13	6	0	100.00%	0.00%					
interlock system to prevent insert packer	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.5.5.1										
closure unless the insert packer is	included by reference to the API.											
installed and the insert packer lock down												
dogs are energized.												
Verify that for a Multi-function system,	This item is not currently included in	API RP-16E Section	11	8	1	88.89%	11.11%					
an operating panel is mounted on the	MMS. WEST recommends this item be	16E.6.2.4										
BOP stack in an accessible location and	included by reference to the API. This											
clearly labeled for identification by the	item relates to the recent MMS NTL											
ROV television cameras.	concerning accidental riser disconnect.											

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Electrical and/or air supply for powering pumps should be available at all times per API 16E. Check if electric pump is connected to the emergency generator.	API 16E, paragraph 16E 2.3 and 3.3	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	С
Accumulators should have ASME Section VIII Division I code stamp.	API RP-16E, Section 2.4	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0	0	0
Identify potential single point failures that could cause the loss of redundancy and/or independent systems due to hose and shuttle valve placement. Address if practical to modify or replace hose with hard piping for improved reliability.	API RP 16E, Section 3 and RP 53, Section 13.1.	Х	С	С	С	С	Х	0	0	0	0
Verify that the control system for a subsea BOP stack is capable of closing each ram BOP in 45 sec. or less and each annular in 60 seconds or less.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.1	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
Verify the usable control system fluid reservoir capacity is at least equal to the total accumulator storage capacity as determined in API RP 16E.3.4.1.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.2.1 and 16E.4.2	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	С	0	0
Verify that the low fluid level alarm sounds and illuminates at the master, driller's and auxiliary remote panels.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.2.2 and 16E.4.2.	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	0
Verify that the subsea BOP control system has a minimum of two pump systems (primary & secondary).	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.3 and 16E.4.3.	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
Accumulator system should be arranged such that the loss of an individual accumulator and/ bank should not result in more than 25% of accumulator system capacity.	API RP 16E Section 3.4.	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that the remote control system permits operation of all the surface control functions at least two times after the loss of rig air and/or electric power.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air and without a secondary source of pneumatic supply are equipped with manual overrides or alternately, other devices provided to ensure capability of hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.406, paragraph d.1 and API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	С	С
Verify provisions are made so that any rig service failures to the remote controls for the surface regulators should not cause loss of subsea pressure regulator setting or control.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.5.1.	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
Verify the hydraulic control manifold contains a visible and audible alarm for low accumulator pressure, low rig air pressure and loss of primary electrical power supply. Test system.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.5.5	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify the following visual and audible alarms are included in the driller's panel and are operational when testing the accumulator unit. These alarms may be included on other panels:	API RP 16E, Section 16E.3.6.2.1	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
Verify all lamps show green when in the drilling mode and red in the "abnormal" mode.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.6.4.2	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
Ensure covers are installed over the following functions: riser connector unlatch, riser connector secondary, shear ram close, casing shear if applicable, wellhead connector unlatch, EDS if applicable.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.6.6	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Ensure the enable button is connected to all functions. Verify no functions operate without first depressing the enable push-button.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.6.7	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify that any enclosure door with electrical components mounted on it has a ground strap connecting the door to the main enclosure.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.6.13	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify that if an air purge system is used, a loss of air purge in any junction box or control panel activates an alarm at the affected panel and at the driller's panel.		С	С	N/A	С	С	С	0	С	0	0
Verify that the driller has the means to electrically disconnect or totally isolate the Driller's panel or junction box if a hazardous condition occurs.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.6.19	С	0	С	0	Х	С	0	0	0	0
Verify control panel is protected by circuit breaker in each main power connection.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.8.3	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verify that the electrical control unit is being supplied with electrical power from an uninterruptible power supply.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.4.5.1	0	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify integrity of control unit memory as follows: 1. To ensure the position indicators do not have a default position perform the following: With the system operational, randomly activate equipment to obtain a function status condition of the system. Record this status as the initial condition. 2. Remove all power sources to the control unit. 3. After a short period of time (5 minutes), restore power to the control unit. 4. Record status as restoration condition. Compare the initial condition to the restoration condition. Upon restoration of power, the system should display the status of all functions as they were prior to the loss of power. The initial and restoration conditions should be identical.	API RP-16E Section 16E.4.5.3	0	C	0	C	0	0	0	0	C	C
Electrical connector testing should be in accordance with connector manufacturer's testing procedures. Verify that all underwater electrical umbilical cable termination's are water blocked to prevent water migration up the cable in the event of connector failure or leakage and to prevent water migration from the cable into the subsea connector termination in the event of water intrusion into the cable.	API RP 16E Section 16E 4.10.5	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0
Verify integrity of main power supply and backup power supply (UPS):	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	0	С	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that audible and visual alarms are activated upon loss of primary power source of UPS A and UPS B.	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	0	С	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0
Verify the backup power source (UPS A) will be maintained for 2 hours allowing full functionality of the control unit.	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9 and 16E.3.8.	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verify slip ring contact assemblies are of a non-oxidizing material suitable for the surrounding atmosphere.	API RP-16E Section 16E.4.11.7	0	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verify that if the slip rings are located in a hazardous area they are rendered safe by one of the approved means outlined in NEC and ISA specifications.	API RP-16E Section 16E.4.11.9	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0
Verify that the primary diverter closing system is capable of operating the vent line and flow line valves and closing the annular packing element on pipe in use within 30 seconds of actuation if the packing element has a nominal bore of 20" or less. For elements of more than 20" nominal bore, the diverter control system should be capable of operating the vent line and flow line valve and closing on pipe in use within 45 seconds.	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and API RP-64, Section 3.6.3	С	С	0	С	0	С	С	0	0	0
Verify the pump system(s) is capable of recharging the primary diverter control system accumulators to full system design pressure within five minutes or less after one complete divert mode operation of the diverter control system.	API 16E Section 16E.5.3.1	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify an alternate means is employed to permit sequencing the diverter system should the primary closing system become inoperative. Examples include a separate pump system or separate isolated accumulator capacity.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.5.3.2	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	O	0
Verify the diverter control system has sufficient accumulator capacity to provide the usable hydraulic fluid volume (with pumps inoperative) required to operate all of the divert mode functions plus 50% reserve.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.5.4	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	С
The diverter system should have an interlock system to prevent insert packer closure unless the insert packer is installed and the insert packer lock down dogs are energized.	API RP 16E, Section 16E.5.5.1	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Verify that for a Multi-function system, an operating panel is mounted on the BOP stack in an accessible location and clearly labeled for identification by the ROV television cameras.	API RP-16E Section 16E.6.2.4	С	С	С	0	С	Х	0	0	0	0
	С	95.8%	100.0%	100.0%	96.9%	93.8%	90.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Electrical and/or air supply for powering	API 16E, paragraph 16E 2.3	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	С	0
pumps should be available at all times	and 3.3										
per API 16E. Check if electric pump is											
connected to the emergency generator.											
Accumulators should have ASME	API RP-16E, Section 2.4	0	0	0	0	С	0	0	С	0	0
Section VIII Division I code stamp.	ŕ										
Identify potential single point failures	API RP 16E, Section 3 and	0	С	Х	С	0	0	Χ	С	0	0
	RP 53, Section 13.1.										
and/or independent systems due to hose	·										
and shuttle valve placement. Address if											
practical to modify or replace hose with											
hard piping for improved reliability.											
Verify that the control system for a	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.1	0	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
subsea BOP stack is capable of closing	·										
each ram BOP in 45 sec. or less and											
each annular in 60 seconds or less.											
Verify the usable control system fluid	API RP-16E, Section	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
reservoir capacity is at least equal to the	16E.3.2.1 and 16E.4.2										
total accumulator storage capacity as											
determined in API RP 16E.3.4.1.											
Verify that the low fluid level alarm	API RP-16E, Section	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sounds and illuminates at the master,	16E.3.2.2 and 16E.4.2.										
driller's and auxiliary remote panels.											
Verify that the subsea BOP control	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.3	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	С
system has a minimum of two pump	and 16E.4.3.										
systems (primary & secondary).											
Accumulator system should be arranged	API RP 16E Section 3.4.	0	С	0	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
such that the loss of an individual											
accumulator and/ bank should not result											
in more than 25% of accumulator											
system capacity.											

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that the remote control system	API RP-16E, Section	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
permits operation of all the surface	16E.3.5.1										
control functions at least two times after											
the loss of rig air and/or electric power.											
Verify any regulators supplied by rig air	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С
and without a secondary source of	II, Section 250.406,										
pneumatic supply are equipped with	paragraph d.1 and API RP-										
manual overrides or alternately, other	16E, Section 16E.3.5.1										
devices provided to ensure capability of											
hydraulic operations if rig air is lost.											
Verify provisions are made so that any	API RP-16E, Section	0	С	O	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
rig service failures to the remote	16E.3.5.1.										
controls for the surface regulators											
should not cause loss of subsea pressure											
regulator setting or control.											
Verify the hydraulic control manifold	API RP-16E Section	0	С	O	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
contains a visible and audible alarm for	16E.3.5.5										
low accumulator pressure, low rig air											
pressure and loss of primary electrical											
power supply. Test system.											
Verify the following visual and audible	API RP 16E, Section										
alarms are included in the driller's panel	16E.3.6.2.1										
and are operational when testing the											
accumulator unit. These alarms may be											
included on other panels:											
Verify all lamps show green when in the		0	С	С	X	0	0	0	С	0	0
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	16E.3.6.4.2										
mode.											
Ensure covers are installed over the	API RP-16E Section	0	С	C	Х	0	0	0	С	0	0
following functions: riser connector	16E.3.6.6										
unlatch, riser connector secondary, shear	 										
ram close, casing shear if applicable,	 										
wellhead connector unlatch, EDS if											
applicable.											

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Ensure the enable button is connected to	API RP-16E Section	0	С	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
all functions. Verify no functions	16E.3.6.7										
operate without first depressing the											
enable push-button.											
Verify that any enclosure door with	API RP-16E, Section	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
electrical components mounted on it has	16E.3.6.13										
a ground strap connecting the door to											
the main enclosure.											
Verify that if an air purge system is	API RP-16E, Section	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0
used, a loss of air purge in any junction	16E.3.6.19										
box or control panel activates an alarm											
at the affected panel and at the driller's											
panel.											
Verify that the driller has the means to	API RP-16E, Section	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
electrically disconnect or totally isolate	16E.3.6.19										
the Driller's panel or junction box if a											
hazardous condition occurs.											
Verify control panel is protected by	API RP-16E Section	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
circuit breaker in each main power	16E.3.8.3										
connection.											
Verify that the electrical control unit is	API RP-16E, Section	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
being supplied with electrical power	16E.4.5.1										
from an uninterruptible power supply.											

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify integrity of control unit memory	API RP-16E Section	С	0	0	0	С	С	С	0	0	С
as follows:	16E.4.5.3										
1. To ensure the position indicators do											
not have a default position perform the											
following: With the system operational,											
randomly activate equipment to obtain a											
function status condition of the system.											
Record this status as the initial											
condition.											
2. Remove all power sources to the											
control unit.											
3. After a short period of time (5											
minutes), restore power to the control											
unit.											
4. Record status as restoration											
condition. Compare the initial condition											
to the restoration condition. Upon											
restoration of power, the system should											
display the status of all functions as they											
were prior to the loss of power. The											
initial and restoration conditions should											
be identical	ADI DD 16E C. d. 16E		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Electrical connector testing should be in		0	0	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0
	4.10.5										
manufacturer's testing procedures.											
Verify that all underwater electrical											
umbilical cable termination's are water											
blocked to prevent water migration up											
the cable in the event of connector											
failure or leakage and to prevent water											
migration from the cable into the subsea											
connector termination in the event of											
water intrusion into the cable.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>							

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify integrity of main power supply	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
and backup power supply (UPS):	and 16E.3.8.										
Verify that audible and visual alarms	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
are activated upon loss of primary power	and 16E.3.8.										
source of UPS A and UPS B.											
Verify the backup power source (UPS	API RP-16E Sections 16E.4.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
A) will be maintained for 2 hours	and 16E.3.8.										
allowing full functionality of the control											
unit.											
Verify slip ring contact assemblies are	API RP-16E Section	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	С	0
of a non-oxidizing material suitable for	16E.4.11.7										
the surrounding atmosphere.											
Verify that if the slip rings are located	API RP-16E Section	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	С	С	0
in a hazardous area they are rendered	16E.4.11.9										
safe by one of the approved means											
outlined in NEC and ISA specifications.											
Verify that the primary diverter closing	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	0
system is capable of operating the vent	API RP-64, Section 3.6.3										
line and flow line valves and closing the	·										
annular packing element on pipe in use											
within 30 seconds of actuation if the											
packing element has a nominal bore of											
20" or less. For elements of more than											
20" nominal bore, the diverter control											
system should be capable of operating											
the vent line and flow line valve and											
closing on pipe in use within 45											
seconds.											
Verify the pump system(s) is capable of	API 16E Section 16E.5.3.1	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
recharging the primary diverter control											
system accumulators to full system											
design pressure within five minutes or											
less after one complete divert mode											
operation of the diverter control system.											
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Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify an alternate means is employed	API RP-16E, Section	0	0	С	0	0	С	С	С	0	С
to permit sequencing the diverter system	16E.5.3.2										
should the primary closing system											
become inoperative. Examples include											
a separate pump system or separate											
isolated accumulator capacity.											
Verify the diverter control system has	API RP-16E, Section 16E.5.4	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	С
sufficient accumulator capacity to											
provide the usable hydraulic fluid											
volume (with pumps inoperative)											
required to operate all of the divert											
mode functions plus 50% reserve.											
The diverter system should have an	API RP 16E, Section	0	0	C	0	0	С	0	0	0	0
interlock system to prevent insert packer	16E.5.5.1										
closure unless the insert packer is											
installed and the insert packer lock											
down dogs are energized.											
Verify that for a Multi-function system,	API RP-16E Section	0	C	C	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
an operating panel is mounted on the	16E.6.2.4										
BOP stack in an accessible location and											
clearly labeled for identification by the											
ROV television cameras.											
	С	100.0%	100.0%	95.7%	76.9%	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%	95.7%	100.0%	100.0%

Assessment Points	Reference	856	826	862	634	771	761	843	796	Safety Issue
Identify potential single point failures that could cause the loss of redundancy and/or independent systems due to hose and shuttle valve placement. Address if practical to modify or replace hose with hard piping for improved reliability.	API RP 16E, Section 3 and RP 53, Section 13.1.	X	Х			Х	Х			This could result in the loss of critical functions during a well control situation or operational emergency. Common examples of functions often connected in this fashion are shear ram boost, riser connector, wellhead connector and ram locks.
Verify that the driller has the means to electrically disconnect or totally isolate the Driller's panel or junction box if a hazardous condition occurs.	API RP-16E, Section 16E.3.6.19			Х					X	Loss of purge air in the drillers panel or junction box coupled with the inability of the driller to electrically isolate the panel or box will result in a potential ignition source for any gas on the drill floor.
The pump diverter pump system should be designed to automatically stop when the accumulator design pressure is reached and a pressure safety valve set to relieve pressure at not more than 110% of the accumulator design pressure should be included.					X					Overpressurisation of the diverter control system and accumulators could occur.
Verify that for a Multi-function system, an operating panel is mounted on the BOP stack in an accessible location and clearly labeled for identification by the ROV television cameras.	API RP-16E Section 16E.6.2.4		Х							During an emergency, time taken by the ROV to complete the various functions (shear rams, connectors etc.) could prove critical. An operating panel as described will reduce this time significantly.

Assessment Points	Reference	856	826	862	634	771	761	843	796	Safety Issue
Verify the hydraulic control manifold contains a visible and audible alarm for low accumulator pressure, low rig air pressure and loss of primary electrical power supply. Test system.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.5.5							Х		Without such alarms these undesirable conditions could occur unnoticed by rig personnel and would result in loss of control of the BOP at a potentially critical time.
Verify all lamps show green when in the drilling mode and red in the "abnormal" mode.	API RP-16E Section 16E.3.6.4.2							Х		By having green for normal and red for abnormal, the driller is quickly alerted for possible well control problems, allowing more time for corrective action to avoid a well control event.
Ensure covers are installed over the following functions: riser connector unlatch, riser connector secondary, shear ram close, casing shear if applicable, wellhead connector unlatch, EDS if applicable.								X		A safety cover will cause an individual to think twice before making the conscious decision of performing these functions. By so doing the likelyhood of human error is reduced; in effect a level of redundancy is "created."

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Section 4.1

WEST MMS Assessment Points

Review of API RP 64, 1st edition – "Recommended Practices for Diverter Systems Equipment and Operations"

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Following is the detailed report of API RP 64 assessment points that were used in this study. The format is detailed in Section V. Technical Summary from the Executive Summary.

Following are the highlights from the review of API RP 64:

- Compliance of included line items was observed upon WEST leaving the rig 98.6% of the time, out of compliance 1.4%.
- Current MMS regulations address a significant portion of the requirements stipulated in API RP 64. There are some items currently required by MMS that are not referenced by API RP 64.
- API RP 64 provides good guidelines for diverter systems.
- All assessment points included in this study are recommended for inclusion into MMS requirements by reference to API RP 64.

Based on this review, it is recommended that MMS requirements be revised to include all of API RP 64 by reference. The additional MMS regulations not covered by API RP 64 should be left as stand-alone requirements for OCS operations.

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Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of C
Ensure all diverter system components have a rated working pressure of at least 200 psi.	API RP 64, section 3.1.1 is equivalent to the OCS statement. Recommendation: Omit from OCS documents and reference RP 64.	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 & MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, Paragraph f.	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify diverter valves used in the diverter vent line(s) or in the flow line to the shale shaker are full-opening, have at least the same opening as the line in which they are installed, and are capable of opening with maximum anticipated pressure across the valve(s).	This item is not currently included in	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
Where non-integral diverter vent valves and flow line valves are located below the diverter packer, verify that remote actuators capable of operations from the rig floor are installed.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that actuators fitted to diverter valves are sized to open the valve with the rated working pressure of the diverter system applied across the valve.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-64, Section 3.4.2	13	6	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify the diverter piping has minimal bends, is as large in diameter as practical, and is internally flush. Deviations from the "ideal" tend to increase wellbore back pressure and create conditions which can increase sand blast and erosion during divert.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-64, Section 3.5	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	of C
Verify that the fill and/or kill lines positioned below the diverter unit are valved with an independent actuated valve or check valve near the wellhead and have a rated working pressure equivalent to the system exposed to well fluid.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-64, Section 3.5.4.1	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the primary diverter closing system is capable of operating the vent line and flow line valves and closing the annular packing element on pipe in use within 30 seconds of actuation if the packing element has a nominal bore of 20" or less. For elements of more than 20" nominal bore, the diverter control system should be capable of operating the vent line and flow line valve and closing on pipe in use within 45 seconds.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and API RP-64, Section 3.6.3	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
The diverter control system shall be operated such that the well will not be shut in with the diverter system. At least one vent valve should remain open at all times to prevent a complete shut in of the well if there is a partial failure of the control system and/or vent controls.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 64, Section 3.7.1	11	9	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that sufficient tension will be available to lift the lower marine riser package clear of the structural pipe or BOP stack in the event of an emergency disconnect.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-64 Section 6.2.1	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Ensure all diverter system components	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 &	С	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0	0
have a rated working pressure of at least	MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter										
200 psi.	II, Section 250.409,										
	Paragraph f.										
Verify diverter valves used in the diverter	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	0	0	0
vent line(s) or in the flow line to the shale											
shaker are full-opening, have at least the											
same opening as the line in which they											
are installed, and are capable of opening											
with maximum anticipated pressure											
across the valve(s).											
Where non-integral diverter vent valves	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
and flow line valves are located below											
the diverter packer, verify that remote											
actuators capable of operations from the											
rig floor are installed.											
Verify that actuators fitted to diverter	API RP-64, Section 3.4.2	С	С	С	N/A	0	С	0	0	0	0
valves are sized to open the valve with											
the rated working pressure of the diverter											
system applied across the valve.											
Verify the diverter piping has minimal	API RP-64, Section 3.5	С	С	С	С	0	С	С	0	0	0
bends, is as large in diameter as practical,											
and is internally flush. Deviations from											
the "ideal" tend to increase wellbore back											
pressure and create conditions which can											
increase sand blast and erosion during											
divert.											

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that the fill and/or kill lines positioned below the diverter unit are valved with an independent actuated valve or check valve near the wellhead and have a rated working pressure equivalent to the system exposed to well fluid.	API RP-64, Section 3.5.4.1	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify that the primary diverter closing system is capable of operating the vent line and flow line valves and closing the annular packing element on pipe in use within 30 seconds of actuation if the packing element has a nominal bore of 20" or less. For elements of more than 20" nominal bore, the diverter control system should be capable of operating the vent line and flow line valve and closing on pipe in use within 45 seconds.	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and API RP-64, Section 3.6.3	С	С	0	С	0	С	С	0	0	0
The diverter control system shall be operated such that the well will not be shut in with the diverter system. At least one vent valve should remain open at all times to prevent a complete shut in of the well if there is a partial failure of the control system and/or vent controls.	API RP 64, Section 3.7.1	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that sufficient tension will be available to lift the lower marine riser package clear of the structural pipe or BOP stack in the event of an emergency disconnect.	API RP-64 Section 6.2.1	С	С	С	Х	С	С	0	0	0	0

Codes: 0 = Not Checked

C = In Compliance

X = Not in Compliance

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
	С	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	85.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Ensure all diverter system components have a rated working pressure of at least 200 psi.	API RP 64 Section 3.1.1 & MMS CFR Title 30, Chapter II, Section 250.409, Paragraph f.	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify diverter valves used in the diverter vent line(s) or in the flow line to the shale shaker are full-opening, have at least the same opening as the line in which they are installed, and are capable of opening with maximum anticipated pressure across the valve(s).	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0	C
Where non-integral diverter vent valves and flow line valves are located below the diverter packer, verify that remote actuators capable of operations from the rig floor are installed.	API RP-64, Section 3.4.1	0	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify that actuators fitted to diverter valves are sized to open the valve with the rated working pressure of the diverter system applied across the valve.	API RP-64, Section 3.4.2	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify the diverter piping has minimal bends, is as large in diameter as practical, and is internally flush. Deviations from the "ideal" tend to increase wellbore back pressure and create conditions which can increase sand blast and erosion during divert.	API RP-64, Section 3.5	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that the fill and/or kill lines positioned below the diverter unit are valved with an independent actuated valve or check valve near the wellhead and have a rated working pressure equivalent to the system exposed to well fluid.	API RP-64, Section 3.5.4.1	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify that the primary diverter closing system is capable of operating the vent line and flow line valves and closing the annular packing element on pipe in use within 30 seconds of actuation if the packing element has a nominal bore of 20" or less. For elements of more than 20" nominal bore, the diverter control system should be capable of operating the vent line and flow line valve and closing on pipe in use within 45 seconds.	API RP 16E Section 5.1 and API RP-64, Section 3.6.3	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	0
The diverter control system shall be operated such that the well will not be shut in with the diverter system. At least one vent valve should remain open at all times to prevent a complete shut in of the well if there is a partial failure of the control system and/or vent controls.	API RP 64, Section 3.7.1	0	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	С
Verify that sufficient tension will be available to lift the lower marine riser package clear of the structural pipe or BOP stack in the event of an emergency disconnect.	API RP-64 Section 6.2.1	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0

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	С	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Safety Issue
Failure to terminate
LMRP in timely manner
during drift off
jeopardizes the
connector's ability to
stay connected because
of bending moment.

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Section 5.1

WEST MMS Assessment Points

Review of API RP 16Q, 1st edition – "Recommended Practice for Design, Selection, Operation and Maintenance of Marine Drilling Riser Systems"

MMS Project # 01-99-PO-17072

Following is the detailed report of API RP 16E assessment points that were used in this study. The format is detailed in Section V. Technical Summary from the Executive Summary.

Following are the highlights from the review of API RP 16Q:

- Compliance of included line items was observed upon WEST leaving the rig 90.4% of the time, out of compliance 9.6%.
- Current MMS regulations do not address any requirements in API 16Q.
- API RP 16Q provides good guidelines for marine riser systems.
- All assessment points included in this study are recommended for inclusion into MMS requirements by reference to API RP 16Q.

Based on this review, it is recommended that MMS requirements be revised to include all of API RP 16Q by reference.

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	WEST Comparison and						% out of
Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Verify that a list of hydraulic fluids compatible with the tensioner units and specified by the tensioner manufacturer is available.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (d)	14	6	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the tensioner system is designed to permit one unit to be out of service for maintenance or repair without jeopardizing the ability of the remaining tensioner units to provide the required tension to the marine drilling riser. Note: A unit may be either a single tensioner or a pair of tensioners, depending on specific design.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (f)	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify flow control device is located in the line between the fluid port on each tensioner and its respective air/oil interface bottle. Verify its ability to sense abnormally high flow rates and immediately stop or greatly reduce the flow.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (h)	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
If the telescopic joint is extended during the BOP stack handling procedure, verify its load limit and record. Compare with expected BOP landing weights.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (a)	12	3	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that the tensioner ring is rated for the maximum load capacity of the telescopic joint.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (c)	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that if threaded end fittings are used on choke and kill connections, they contain a sealing means other than the threads.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.10.2	13	6	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that if the diverter handling tool is used to support the entire riser and BOP stack it meets the same standards as the riser handling tool.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.11.2.1	13	3	0	100.00%	0.00%

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	WEST Comparison and						% out of
Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Ensure that proper galvanic protection is provided between the steel components of the riser joints and the hydraulic supply lines if corrosion-resistant material (e.g. stainless steel) is used.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (a)	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
Verify that for hydraulic supply lines, working pressure rating is compatible with the working pressure rating of the BOP control system.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.		8	12	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that for mud boost lines, pressure rating is suitable for the intended service. Review previous wall thickness inspections and verify suitable for maximum pump pressure.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b2)	8	12	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that for choke/kill lines, pressure rating is the same as the BOP stack. Compare the last wall thickness survey to minimum wall thickness calculations to determine this.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.		9	11	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that adequate gap is provided between the support bracket and the coupling. Note: relative motion of the couplings may cause fatigue cracking of the support bracket.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.		12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
To prevent accidental mismatching of the choke/kill and auxiliary lines when the riser is deployed, verify that the coupling is oriented asymmetrically around the riser support ring.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (e)	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify material selection for choke and kill lines meets NACE MR0175 for H2S Service.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (g)	15	5	0	100.00%	0.00%

Assessment Points	WEST Comparison and Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	% out of
	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 2.13.2 (a)	12	8	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify the riser tension analysis is reviewed according to API RP 16Q, Section 3, "Riser Response Analysis". The results of the analysis should be appended to the Riser Operating Manual.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16Q, Section 3	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
Verify a linear graph is posted on the rig that clearly identifies the amount of riser tension required for various mud weights.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP 16Q Section 3.2.4	10	9	1	90.00%	10.00%
Verify that operating personnel on floating drilling vessel are properly trained and equipped with a written procedure for care and use of the marine riser. Verify the training records. The procedures are to include:	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.1	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
Verify that the riser operating manual is located on the vessel and is current. As a minimum, verify that the manual contains the following information concerning the riser system and is maintained:	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
a. manufacturer's drawings of the riser system components outlining the critical dimensions, weights, and part numbers of the various components		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
b. manufacturer's load ratings for the critical components of the riser system		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	9	2	81.82%	18.18%

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Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	С
c. internal and collapse pressure ratings of the riser and integral auxiliary lines		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	9	2	81.82%	18.18%
d. inspection and maintenance procedures for each component		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
e. procedure for running and retrieving the riser		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	9	10	1	90.91%	9.09%
f. procedure for establishing maximum and minimum tension settings		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	10	9	1	90.00%	10.00%
g. operating limits and emergency procedures		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	10	9	1	90.00%	10.00%
h. an accurate log of operating history		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
i. recommended spare parts inventory list		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	10	9	1	90.00%	10.00%
j. criteria and procedures for cutting and slipping tensioner lines		API RP-16Q Section 4.2	11	8	1	88.89%	11.11%
k. scheduled inspection and maintenance on all riser system components		API RP-16Q Section 4.8	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
If there are any special instructions called out in the Marine Riser Manufacturer's Care and Use Instructions, verify that they are being followed.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.3.2 (d)	11	8	1	88.89%	11.11%
Verify that the marine riser system is suitably instrumented and monitored to ensure safe and reliable performance.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.2	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
In the event of a hydraulic tensioner failure, verify that a procedure outlining the required steps to correct the problem is incorporated in the operating manual.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.3.1	14	5	1	83.33%	16.67%

	WEST Comparison and						% out of
Assessment Points	Recommendation	Reference	# of 0	# of C	# of X	% in C	C
Verify the rig is equipped with written emergency disconnect procedures which account for various tubulars being in the BOP bore, peculiarities in the BOP and control equipment, and characteristics of position keeping or mooring equipment.	This item is currently not included in MMS regulations. In WEST's opinion, emergency disconnect procedures for various tubulars are critical for safe operations. We therefore recommend this item be included in MMS regulations as a directive.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.4.2	8	9	3	75.00%	25.00%
Extend tensioners and pressure to MWP. Inspect surface finish of rods and verify seals are leak tight.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.1	12	7	1	87.50%	12.50%
Verify telescopic joint is inspected and serviced in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.2	14	5	1	83.33%	16.67%
Verify that the flex/ball joints have a protective cover at the upper neck to prevent the entry of cuttings and debris into the mechanism.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.3	13	7	0	100.00%	0.00%
Review the riser handling technique and verify it complies with good oilfield practices and the manufactures recommendations.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	7	13	0	100.00%	0.00%
Verify that protectors are provided for the pin end (and box end if specified by the manufacturer) couplings of each riser joint. Visually inspect the box and pin protectors to ensure they properly protect the sealing surfaces. Ensure that the protectors are installed, as applicable, when riser is being handled.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	4	15	1	93.75%	6.25%
Verify that the rig has storage racks and cradles and these are being used to restrain and support the riser joints during stored periods.	This item is not currently included in MMS. WEST recommends this item be included by reference to the API.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2	5	12	3	80.00%	20.00%

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Verify that the rig storage racks do not	This item is not currently included in MMS.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2 (d)	6	13	0	100.00%	0.00%
hinder access to the pin and/or box	WEST recommends this item be included by						
protectors or covers for maintenance and	reference to the API.						
inspection.							
Verify if the riser tensioner system is	This item is not currently included in MMS.	API RP-16Q Section 5.1.3	14	4	0	100.00%	0.00%
equipped with an anti-recoil system in the	WEST recommends this item be included by						
event that an emergency release of the riser	reference to the API.						
from the BOP stack is required.							

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that a list of hydraulic fluids compatible with the tensioner units and specified by the tensioner manufacturer is available.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (d)	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that the tensioner system is designed to permit one unit to be out of service for maintenance or repair without jeopardizing the ability of the remaining tensioner units to provide the required tension to the marine drilling riser. Note: A unit may be either a single tensioner or a pair of tensioners, depending on specific design.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (f)	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify flow control device is located in the line between the fluid port on each tensioner and its respective air/oil interface bottle. Verify its ability to sense abnormally high flow rates and immediately stop or greatly reduce the flow.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (h)	С	С	0	С	С	С	0	0	0	0
If the telescopic joint is extended during the BOP stack handling procedure, verify its load limit and record. Compare with expected BOP landing weights.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (a)	С	N/A	N/A	С	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
Verify that the tensioner ring is rated for the maximum load capacity of the telescopic joint.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (c)	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that if threaded end fittings are used on choke and kill connections, they contain a sealing means other than the threads.	API RP-16Q Section 2.10.2	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that if the diverter handling tool is used to support the entire riser and BOP stack it meets the same standards as the riser handling tool.	API RP-16Q Section 2.11.2.1	С	N/A	N/A	С	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
Ensure that proper galvanic protection is provided between the steel components of the riser joints and the hydraulic supply lines if corrosion-resistant material (e.g. stainless steel) is used.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (a)	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that for hydraulic supply lines, working pressure rating is compatible with the working pressure rating of the BOP control system.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b1)	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	0
Verify that for mud boost lines, pressure rating is suitable for the intended service. Review previous wall thickness inspections and verify suitable for maximum pump pressure.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b2)	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	С	0
Verify that for choke/kill lines, pressure rating is the same as the BOP stack. Compare the last wall thickness survey to minimum wall thickness calculations to determine this.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b3)	С	С	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that adequate gap is provided between the support bracket and the coupling. Note: relative motion of the couplings may cause fatigue cracking of the support bracket.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b3)	С	С	С	O	0	С	0	0	0	0
To prevent accidental mismatching of the choke/kill and auxiliary lines when the riser is deployed, verify that the coupling is oriented asymmetrically around the riser support ring.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (e)	С	С	С	С	С	0	0	0	0	0
Verify material selection for choke and kill lines meets NACE MR0175 for H2S Service.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (g)	С	С	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	0
Verify material selection for fastener avoids galvanic corrosion.	API RP-16Q Section 2.13.2 (a)	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify the riser tension analysis is reviewed according to API RP 16Q, Section 3, "Riser Response Analysis". The results of the analysis should be appended to the Riser Operating Manual.	API RP 16Q, Section 3	С	С	0	0	С	С	0	0	Х	0
Verify a linear graph is posted on the rig that clearly identifies the amount of riser tension required for various mud weights.	API RP 16Q Section 3.2.4	С	С	0	С	0	С	Х	0	С	0
Verify that operating personnel on floating drilling vessel are properly trained and equipped with a written procedure for care and use of the marine riser. Verify the training records. The procedures are to include:	API RP-16Q Section 4.1	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	0	С

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Verify that the riser operating manual is located on the vessel and is current. As a minimum, verify that the manual contains the following information concerning the riser system and is maintained:	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
a. manufacturer's drawings of the riser system components outlining the critical dimensions, weights, and part numbers of the various components.	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
b. manufacturer's load ratings for the critical components of the riser system	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
c. internal and collapse pressure ratings of the riser and integral auxiliary lines	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
d. inspection and maintenance procedures for each component	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	X	0	С	С	0	С	0
e. procedure for running and retrieving the riser	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
f. procedure for establishing maximum and minimum tension settings	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
g. operating limits and emergency procedures	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
h. an accurate log of operating history	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	С	С	X	0	С	С	0	С	0
i. recommended spare parts inventory list	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	Х	0	С	С	0	С	0
j. criteria and procedures for cutting and slipping tensioner lines	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	С	С	С	X	0	С	0	0	С	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
k. scheduled inspection and maintenance on all riser system components	API RP-16Q Section 4.8	С	С	С	X	0	С	0	0	0	0
If there are any special instructions called out in the Marine Riser Manufacturer's Care and Use Instructions, verify that they are being followed.	API RP-16Q Section 4.3.2 (d)	С	С	С	Х	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify that the marine riser system is suitably instrumented and monitored to ensure safe and reliable performance.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.2	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
In the event of a hydraulic tensioner failure, verify that a procedure outlining the required steps to correct the problem is incorporated in the operating manual.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.3.1	С	С	0	Х	0	С	0	0	0	0
Verify the rig is equipped with written emergency disconnect procedures which account for various tubulars being in the BOP bore, peculiarities in the BOP and control equipment, and characteristics of position keeping or mooring equipment.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.4.2	С	С	Х	Х	0	С	С	Х	0	0
Extend tensioners and pressure to MWP. Inspect surface finish of rods and verify seals are leak tight.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.1	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0
Verify telescopic joint is inspected and serviced in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.2	С	С	С	Х	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Verify that the flex/ball joints have a protective cover at the upper neck to prevent the entry of cuttings and debris into the mechanism.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.3	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0	0	0
Review the riser handling technique and verify it complies with good oilfield practices and the manufactures recommendations.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	С	С	0	С	С	С	С	0	0	С
Verify that protectors are provided for the pin end (and box end if specified by the manufacturer) couplings of each riser joint. Visually inspect the box and pin protectors to ensure they properly protect the sealing surfaces. Ensure that the protectors are installed, as applicable, when riser is being handled.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	0	С	С
Verify that the rig has storage racks and cradles and these are being used to restrain and support the riser joints during stored periods.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2	С	С	X	С	Х	С	С	С	С	0
Verify that the rig storage racks do not hinder access to the pin and/or box protectors or covers for maintenance and inspection.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2 (d)	С	С	С	С	N/A	С	С	С	0	0
Verify if the riser tensioner system is equipped with an anti-recoil system in the event that an emergency release of the riser from the BOP stack is required.	API RP-16Q Section 5.1.3	0	С	0	С	N/A	С	0	0	0	0
	С	100.0%	100.0%	93.1%	57.5%	90.0%	100.0%	94.4%	66.7%	94.4%	100.0%

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Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that a list of hydraulic fluids compatible with the tensioner units and specified by the tensioner manufacturer is	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (d)	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
available.											
Verify that the tensioner system is designed to permit one unit to be out of service for maintenance or repair without jeopardizing the ability of the remaining tensioner units to provide the required tension to the marine drilling riser. Note: A unit may be either a single tensioner or a pair of tensioners, depending on specific design.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (f)	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify flow control device is located in the line between the fluid port on each tensioner and its respective air/oil interface bottle. Verify its ability to sense abnormally high flow rates and immediately stop or greatly reduce the flow.	API RP-16Q Section 2.4.3 (h)	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
If the telescopic joint is extended during the BOP stack handling procedure, verify its load limit and record. Compare with expected BOP landing weights.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (a)	0	0	NA	NA	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify that the tensioner ring is rated for the maximum load capacity of the telescopic joint.	API RP-16Q Section 2.6.3 (c)	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that if threaded end fittings are	API RP-16Q Section 2.10.2	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	С	0	0
used on choke and kill connections, they											
contain a sealing means other than the											
threads.											
Verify that if the diverter handling tool is	API RP-16Q Section 2.11.2.1	0	0	С	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0
used to support the entire riser and BOP											
stack it meets the same standards as the											
riser handling tool.											
Ensure that proper galvanic protection is	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3	0	0	С	X	0	0	0	С	0	0
provided between the steel components of	(a)										
the riser joints and the hydraulic supply											
lines if corrosion-resistant material (e.g.											
stainless steel) is used.											
Verify that for hydraulic supply lines,	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3	С	0	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
	(b1)										
with the working pressure rating of the											
BOP control system.											
Verify that for mud boost lines, pressure	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3	С	0	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
rating is suitable for the intended service.	(b2)										
Review previous wall thickness											
inspections and verify suitable for											
maximum pump pressure.											
Verify that for choke/kill lines, pressure	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3	С	0	С	С	0	С	0	С	0	0
rating is the same as the BOP stack.	(b3)										
Compare the last wall thickness survey to											
minimum wall thickness calculations to											
determine this.											

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that adequate gap is provided between the support bracket and the coupling. Note: relative motion of the couplings may cause fatigue cracking of the support bracket.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b3)	0	0	С	Х	0	0	0	С	0	0
To prevent accidental mismatching of the choke/kill and auxiliary lines when the riser is deployed, verify that the coupling is oriented asymmetrically around the riser support ring.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (e)	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verify material selection for choke and kill lines meets NACE MR0175 for H2S Service.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (g)	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verify material selection for fastener avoids galvanic corrosion.	API RP-16Q Section 2.13.2 (a)	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify the riser tension analysis is reviewed according to API RP 16Q, Section 3, "Riser Response Analysis". The results of the analysis should be appended to the Riser Operating Manual.	API RP 16Q, Section 3	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0
Verify a linear graph is posted on the rig that clearly identifies the amount of riser tension required for various mud weights.	API RP 16Q Section 3.2.4	0	0	С	0	0	С	0	С	0	С
Verify that operating personnel on floating drilling vessel are properly trained and equipped with a written procedure for care and use of the marine riser. Verify the training records. The procedures are to include:	API RP-16Q Section 4.1	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С

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C = In Compliance

X = Not in Compliance

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that the riser operating manual is located on the vessel and is current. As a minimum, verify that the manual contains the following information concerning the riser system and is maintained:	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	0
a. manufacturer's drawings of the riser system components outlining the critical dimensions, weights, and part numbers of the various components	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	0
b. manufacturer's load ratings for the critical components of the riser system	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	Х	С	0	0	С	0	0
c. internal and collapse pressure ratings of the riser and integral auxiliary lines	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	Х	С	0	0	С	0	0
d. inspection and maintenance procedures for each component	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	0
e. procedure for running and retrieving the riser	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	С	С	0	0	С	0	0
f. procedure for establishing maximum and minimum tension settings	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0
g. operating limits and emergency procedures	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0
h. an accurate log of operating history	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
i. recommended spare parts inventory list	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
j. criteria and procedures for cutting and slipping tensioner lines	API RP-16Q Section 4.2	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	0

Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
k. scheduled inspection and maintenance on all riser system components	API RP-16Q Section 4.8	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
If there are any special instructions called out in the Marine Riser Manufacturer's Care and Use Instructions, verify that they are being followed.	API RP-16Q Section 4.3.2 (d)	0	0	С	0	С	0	0	С	0	С
Verify that the marine riser system is suitably instrumented and monitored to ensure safe and reliable performance.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.2	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	0	0	0
In the event of a hydraulic tensioner failure, verify that a procedure outlining the required steps to correct the problem is incorporated in the operating manual.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.3.1	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
Verify the rig is equipped with written emergency disconnect procedures which account for various tubulars being in the BOP bore, peculiarities in the BOP and control equipment, and characteristics of position keeping or mooring equipment.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.4.2	0	С	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	С
Extend tensioners and pressure to MWP. Inspect surface finish of rods and verify seals are leak tight.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.1	0	0	0	Х	0	С	0	С	0	0
Verify telescopic joint is inspected and serviced in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.2	0	0	С	0	0	0	0	С	0	0

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Assessment Points	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Verify that the flex/ball joints have a protective cover at the upper neck to prevent the entry of cuttings and debris into the mechanism.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.3	0	0	С	С	0	0	0	С	0	0
Review the riser handling technique and verify it complies with good oilfield practices and the manufactures recommendations.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	0	0	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С
Verify that protectors are provided for the pin end (and box end if specified by the manufacturer) couplings of each riser joint. Visually inspect the box and pin protectors to ensure they properly protect the sealing surfaces. Ensure that the protectors are installed, as applicable, when riser is being handled.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1	O	0	O	X	С	С	С	С	0	0
Verify that the rig has storage racks and cradles and these are being used to restrain and support the riser joints during stored periods.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2	0	0	С	X	С	С	0	С	0	С
Verify that the rig storage racks do not hinder access to the pin and/or box protectors or covers for maintenance and inspection.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2 (d)	0	0	С	С	С	С	0	С	0	С
Verify if the riser tensioner system is equipped with an anti-recoil system in the event that an emergency release of the riser from the BOP stack is required.	API RP-16Q Section 5.1.3	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	С	0	0
	С	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	70.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%

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Assessment Points	Reference	714	696	634	830	862	847	843	Safety Issue
Verify the riser tension analysis is reviewed according to API RP 16Q, Section 3, "Riser Response Analysis". The results of the analysis should be appended to the Riser Operating Manual.	API RP 16Q, Section 3	X							Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify a linear graph is posted on the rig that clearly identifies the amount of riser tension required for various mud weights.			X						Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify that operating personnel on floating drilling vessel are properly trained and equipped with a written procedure for care and use of the marine riser. Verify the training records.	API RP-16Q Section 4.1			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify that the riser operating manual is located on the vessel and is current. As a minimum, verify that the manual contains the following information concerning the riser system and is maintained:				X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
a. manufacturer's drawings of the riser system components outlining the critical dimensions, weights, and part numbers of the various components.	API RP-16Q Section 4.2			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
b. manufacturer's load ratings for the critical components of the riser system	API RP-16Q Section 4.2			X				X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).

Assessment Points	Reference	714	696	634	830	862	847	843	Safety Issue
c. internal and collapse pressure ratings	API RP-16Q Section			X				X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability
of the riser and integral auxiliary lines	4.2								to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
									controls (max or unionical caose).
d. inspection and maintenance	API RP-16Q Section			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability
procedures for each component	4.2								to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
e. procedure for running and retrieving	API RP-16Q Section			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability
the riser	4.2								to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
f. procedure for establishing maximum	API RP-16Q Section			X					Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure
and minimum tension settings	4.2								that the riser never goes to compression.
									Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through
									controls (mux or umbilical cable).
g. operating limits and emergency	API RP-16Q Section			X					Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure
procedures	4.2								that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability
									to control a well physically and through
									controls (mux or umbilical cable).
h. an accurate log of operating history	API RP-16Q Section			X					Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure
	4.2								that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability
									to control a well physically and through
									controls (mux or umbilical cable).
i. recommended spare parts inventory list				X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability
	4.2								to control a well physically and through
									controls (mux or umbilical cable).

Assessment Points	Reference	714	696	634	830	862	847	843	Safety Issue
j. criteria and procedures for cutting and	API RP-16Q Section			X					Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure
slipping tensioner lines	4.2								that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
k. scheduled inspection and maintenance on all riser system components	API RP-16Q Section 4.8			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
If there are any special instructions called out in the Marine Riser Manufacturer's Care and Use Instructions, verify that they are being followed.	API RP-16Q Section 4.3.2 (d)			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
In the event of a hydraulic tensioner failure, verify that a procedure outlining the required steps to correct the problem is incorporated in the operating manual.	API RP-16Q Section 4.4.3.1			X					Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify the rig is equipped with written emergency disconnect procedures which account for various tubulars being in the BOP bore, peculiarities in the BOP and control equipment, and characteristics of position keeping or mooring equipment.				Х	Х		X		Procedures are required to ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in unlatching the LMRP in a well control or operational emergency.
Verify telescopic joint is inspected and serviced in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.2			X					Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).

Assessment Points	Reference	714	696	634	830	862	847	843	Safety Issue
Verify that the rig has storage racks and cradles and these are being used to restrain and support the riser joints during stored periods.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.2					X	X	X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Ensure that proper galvanic protection is provided between the steel components of the riser joints and the hydraulic supply lines if corrosion-resistant material (e.g. stainless steel) is used.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (a)							X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify that adequate gap is provided between the support bracket and the coupling. Note: relative motion of the couplings may cause fatigue cracking of the support bracket.	API RP-16Q Section 2.12.3 (b3)							X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Extend tensioners and pressure to MWP.	API RP-16Q Section 4.6.1							X	Over-pull is necessary on riser to ensure that the riser never goes to compression. Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).
Verify that protectors are provided for the pin end (and box end if specified by the manufacturer) couplings of each riser joint. Visually inspect the box and pin protectors to ensure they properly protect the sealing surfaces. Ensure that the protectors are installed, as applicable, when riser is being handled.	API RP-16Q Section 4.7.1							X	Failure of the riser compromises the ability to control a well physically and through controls (mux or umbilical cable).

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Section 6.1

WEST MMS Assessment Points

Review of IADC Deepwater Guidelines MMS Project # 01-99-PO-17072

Following is the detailed report of IADC Deepwater Guidelines assessment points that were used in this study. The format is detailed in Section V. Technical Summary from the Executive Summary.

Following are the highlights from the review of IADC Deepwater Guidelines:

- Compliance of included line items was observed upon WEST leaving the rig 97.8% of the time, out of compliance 2.2%.
- A limited number of IADC Deepwater Guidelines were reviewed in this study.
- The IADC Deepwater Guidelines concerning ram cavity inspections is recommended for direct inclusion into MMS regulations as stated.
- The requirements in other IADC Deepwater Guidelines can be covered by reference to appropriate API documents.

Accordingly, WEST does not recommend inclusion of IADC Deepwater Guidelines into MMS requirements.

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WEST MMS Assessment Points - IADC Well Control Guidelines Section 6.2

Section 6.2												
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or the API documents reviewed in this	Control Guidelines, p. 3-27											
study. However, this item is covered in	Section 3.7.2.1											
API RP 53, Section 18. Inclusion of API												
RP 53 into MMS regulations by												
reference is the recommended way of												
addressing this item.												
This item is not included in either MMS	IADC Deepwater Well	2	18	0	100.00%	0.00%						
or the API documents reviewed in this	Control Guidelines, p. 3-27,											
study. We recommend this item be	Sec. 3.7.2.1											
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WEST MMS Assessment Points - IADC Well Control Guidelines Section 6.2 (a)

Assessment Point	Reference	856	838	847	634	862	826	696	830	714	717
Every 3-5 years, the stack components should be disassembled, dimensions recorded, repair performed as needed and all rubber goods renewed based on manufacturer's recommended specifications. Review, record, and comment on the last major survey dates. List equipment due for a major survey with a three to five year frequency.	IADC Deepwater Well Control Guidelines, p. 3-27 Section 3.7.2.1	С	0	O	N/A	0	O	0	N/A	O	C
The annular element shall be visually inspected and shall be in good condition. Drift test the annular as per API Spec. 16A in order to ensure ability to pass full bore tool. It must return to full bore within 30 minutes after piston has been opened.	IADC Deepwater Well Control Guidelines, p. 3-27, Sec. 3.7.2.1	С	С	С	0	С	С	С	0	С	С
Check general condition of ram cavities. Visually inspect each cavity upper sealing area for damage or any scratches. Note: A poor surface finish at the top of the cavity reduces its effective life. At least annually, check and record ram cavity dimensions. Compare ram cavity wear measurements to OEM's recommended maximum tolerance.	IADC Deepwater Well control Guidelines, Section 3.7.2.1	С	O	O	X	С	C	0	С	С	С
	С	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

WEST MMS Assessment Points - IADC Well Control Guidelines Section 6.3 (b)

Assessment Point	Reference	754	869	771	843	760	758	761	796	600	623
Every 3-5 years, the stack components	IADC Deepwater Well	0	N/A	С	0	0	С	0	NA	0	С
should be disassembled, dimensions	Control Guidelines, p. 3-27										
recorded, repair performed as needed and	Section 3.7.2.1										
all rubber goods renewed based on											
manufacturer's recommended											
specifications. Review, record, and											
comment on the last major survey dates.											
List equipment due for a major survey											
with a three to five year frequency.											
The annular element shall be visually	IADC Deepwater Well	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
inspected and shall be in good condition.	Control Guidelines, p. 3-27,										
Drift test the annular as per API Spec.	Sec. 3.7.2.1										
16A in order to ensure ability to pass full											
bore tool. It must return to full bore											
within 30 minutes after piston has been											
opened.											
Check general condition of ram cavities.	IADC Deepwater Well	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
Visually inspect each cavity upper	control Guidelines, Section										
sealing area for damage or any scratches.	3.7.2.1										
Note: A poor surface finish at the top of											
the cavity reduces its effective life. At											
least annually, check and record ram											
cavity dimensions. Compare ram cavity											
wear measurements to OEM's											
recommended maximum tolerance.											
	С	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%