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**STANDBY VESSELS REQUIREMENTS**

**CYPRUS**

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# 1. Standby Vessels

- Monitoring the safety zone, warning approaching vessels.

## Emergency assistance

- Providing on-scene coordination.
- Acting as a reserve radio station.
- Rescuing from water or recovering persons and providing them with medical aid.
- Acting as “place of safety”.
- Providing fire fighting pumps, booms and chemical dispersants.

## 2. Offshore Directive 2013/30

- A description of the installation and, in the case of a mobile installation, a description of its means of transfer between locations, and its stationing system;
- A description of the arrangements to protect persons on the installation from major hazards, and to ensure their safe escape, evacuation and rescue,
- Environmental effects resulting from the loss of containment of pollutants arising from a major accident a description of the technical and non-technical measures envisaged to prevent, reduce or offset them.

### 3. Cypriot RoMH Guidelines



- Provide details of provision of Standby Vessel / Emergency Response and Rescue Vessel.
- It is required that the RoMH defines the proximity the standby vessel will be positioned such that it can meet the rescue and recovery time defined in the Emergency Response Plan.

### 3. Cypriot RoMH Guidelines



- **Involvement of the standby and other support vessels in regular drills and exercises.**
- **Coordination of vessel (attendant, standby, supply, etc.) movements in and around the NPI.**
- **Details of any dispersant held on the standby vessel or other response vessels which could be utilised.**

## 4. Typical Issues

- In the RoMH for drilling operations some companies do not commit for a permanent standby vessel

### Typical Requests

- What distance the standby vessels are located in relation to the MODU?
- Details are required to show that it is capable of meeting the rescue and recovery time in the emergency response plan.

## 5. DLI Handling



- **DLI requests company to demonstrate that is capable of meeting the rescue and recovery time in the emergency response plan (i.e. by sending daily/weekly standby vessels movements schedule and corresponding procedures) once the operations commence.**

## 6. Questions Raised

- Number of standby vessels required for offshore operations during drilling activities and during production. **(Typical 2 in Cyprus)**
- Maximum allowable distance of standby vessels from the drilling facility or the production facility. **(Defined by the rescue and recovery time)**
- Requirements regarding the equipment (eg. booms, dispersants) and training of personnel. **(Defined by the Internal Emergency Plan)**
- Do we ever inspect them? **NO**



# THANK YOU

## Standby vessels

### Critical for safety?

