



How does a company with an excellent safety record keep its employees and contractors motivated and focused on improvement? In the case of ExxonMobil Canada, it introduces an exciting new campaign called Best Ever Safety. The program is aimed at our employees, our contractors and their families, both at work and at home. If everyone can live by the company's motto "Nobody Gets Hurt - I Will Not Get Hurt Today", injuries and accidents will be a thing of the past. The goal of the campaign is to make this the safest year on record for the company's operations in Atlantic Canada. "It's a goal we know we can achieve," says Glenn Scott, president of

including the startup of the compression platform at Sable and the restart of the North Triumph platform."

The challenge now is to repeat this level of success for the remainder of the year and beyond. The task is to continually work on building safety awareness, motivating everyone to put safety first and celebrating successes along the way. In some ways it is a matter of reminding everyone that at ExxonMobil, safety is our number one priority.

The campaign has a number of targets, that if met will make this the safest year on record. The targets include no recordable injuries for the remainder of the year, increased participation in employee safety programs and increased hazard reporting.

The company will also focus on eliminating minor injuries that require first aid, with the belief that this will also reduce the risk of the more serious injuries.

One way to keep the team focused and motivated is to recognize success throughout the year. This will include celebrations at the work site and prizes when milestones are achieved.

It's important to remember that everyone involved in the operations has a role to play in achieving the best ever safety year.

Employees are encouraged to remember that as they

go about their daily lives at home and at work, onshore and offshore, everyone needs to put safety first and encourage others to do the same. Regardless of how well they are doing, they can always do better.

ExxonMobil Canada won't be satisfied until the company can confidently say, "Nobody Gets Hurt".

ExxonMobil Canada. "For the first half of 2007, we went without any lost time or recordable injuries at Sable. That was all the more impressive since we undertook some significant projects during that time,

Q&A Community

You will notice that once again we have included a feedback questionnaire with the newsletter. This has proven to be an excellent way for us to find out what's on your mind.

If you include your name and address with your feedback card this year we will respond to your comments directly.

We have included two of the questions from 2006 in this newsletter as we believe they will be of interest to a wider audience.

In relation to plans to build LNG (liquefied natural gas) proposed projects in Goldboro, why has there not been more information in the newsletter about your plans?

ExxonMobil is not involved in any LNG projects in Canada at this time. There are several companies in various stages of planning for LNG terminals throughout Eastern Canada but our company is not one of them. If you have specific questions about the proposed LNG project for Goldboro we suggest you contact the proponent, which is Maple LNG at 902-482-0028 or Keltic Petrochemicals, which is proposing to build a petrochemical plant in the Goldboro area, at 902-422-4557.

I would like to see the money you give the Department of Transport every year spent on the 316 Highway since your project is a heavy user.

ExxonMobil Canada and the other Sable owners, Shell Canada, Imperial Oil, Pengrowth Corp. and Mosbacher Operating Ltd., provide significant funding to all levels of government through royalties and corporate and municipal taxes. Governments are responsible for determining how best to allocate those funds.

You may be interested to know that Sable has paid nearly \$24 million in property taxes to Guysborough County. The Nova Scotia government estimates that the Sable project will generate more than \$1.2 billion in royalties over the life of the project.



Part of our Community

As employees of ExxonMobil, we don't simply work in your community; we live here too. We're your neighbours and friends, sharing your goal of making our community a great place to live. That's why ExxonMobil is committed to its community investment program, offering financial support to various community groups in Guysborough County and beyond. This year, we expanded our community investment program to include new organizations, as well as existing partners, reaching out to even more of our friends and neighbours.

Sherbrooke Village is a significant attraction for the area and also helps to maintain our ties to the past, not only by maintaining the houses and buildings as they were around the turn of the 20th Century, but also by holding various special events throughout the year. Two of those events are the Sherbrooke Old-Fashioned Christmas and the Sherbrooke Village Concert Series, both of which ExxonMobil is proud to sponsor.

Two other events we're thrilled to partner with again are both music festivals that draw thousands to the area each year:

- The Stan Rogers 2007 Festival is an international festival of song writers including Nanci Griffith from the US, the Strawbs from the UK, and

Nova Scotia's own Bruce Guthro and Dave Gunning, just to name a few. It's three days of traditional and contemporary music played under the sun and stars for fans of all ages.

- Each Sunday in July and August, the Granville Green Outdoor Concert Series holds outdoor concerts at the waterfront in Port Hawkesbury. This is its 11th year and offers a great chance to see some established musicians, as well as some up-and-comers during the ExxonMobil Showcase that opens each show.

ExxonMobil is also involved in helping organizations in other parts of the province as well.

A grant of \$15,000 was given to the Discovery Centre in Halifax, in support of their Science Gallery. The Centre offers Nova Scotia's children the chance to experience science and hands-on experiments in a fun and interactive environment.

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia received \$20,000 that was specifically designated for First Nations Art, which will involve at least two exhibitions annually focusing on Inuit and First Nations art that is both traditional and contemporary.

2007 Scholarship Winners

Each year the Sable project owners, ExxonMobil Canada, Shell Canada Limited, Imperial Oil, Pengrowth Corp. and Mosbacher Operating Ltd., provide bursaries to 20 high school graduates from the Strait Area who are pursuing post-secondary education. The participating high schools are in Antigonish, Guysborough and Richmond Counties. This year's winners were as follows:

Dr. John Hugh Gillis:
Matthew Stephen
Norah MacLean Brown
David MacDonald
Orla Murphy

Strait Area Education Recreation Centre:
Patricia MacIsaac
Amanda Isenor
Jillian Hadley
Adam Proctor

Guysborough Academy:
Chelsa Pelrine
Melissa Cook
Shara Barss

Canso Academy:
Courtney MacDonald
Kyle MacDonald
Skylar Greencorn

St. Mary's Academy:
Holly Kaizer
Thomas Doyle
Matthew Gunn

East Antigonish:
Jonathan Melong
Ben Silver
Sarah Bowman

Richmond Academy:
Matthew Carter
Steven Corkum
Matthew Hill
Sarina Holz

Community Barbeque

For the past five years, the Goldboro Gas Plant has been offering familiarization tours for area residents and visitors. It's a chance for people to speak with operators about their day-to-day activities, view the facility both inside and out and learn about Goldboro's role as part of the Sable Offshore Energy Project.



2006 SABLE COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Last year's event took place on a beautiful day on October 1st. In response to invites in the Guysborough Journal and local fliers, over 300 people gathered in the parking lot in front of the plant and signed up to be assigned to a van that would take them through the plant. However, waiting their turn proved to be a highlight of the day. As they enjoyed a barbecue lunch of free hot dogs and hamburgers, guests were kept entertained by local musicians Lisa Hallett, Ronnie Hull and Clifford Mattie. The sounds of classic country tunes and old favourites filled the air as people enjoyed their lunch in the sun and kids had fun getting their faces painted.

This year's barbecue and tour will take place on Saturday, September 29th, between 12 noon and 3 pm. Come early, stay late and be prepared for a toe-tapping good time!

Sable Emergency Response Exercise

Expecting the unexpected is a key to success for any organization. That's why ExxonMobil Canada has made emergency preparation a key priority within all of our operating areas, including the Sable Project.

On September 17, 2006, ExxonMobil held an emergency response drill to test the skills of our emergency personnel and other local teams and ensure they are prepared to respond quickly and effectively in the unlikely event of an emergency in the area. The result was a better understanding of our strengths, awareness of areas for improvement, and a reassurance that we're well prepared for the future.

Exercise Scenario

On that Sunday at 10 am, the exercise participants were told that an excavator operator had accidentally struck the eight-inch natural gas liquids pipeline. He realized something was not right when he saw vapor starting to emit from the pipe. When the operator realized he had struck and damaged the pipeline he shut down his equipment. He then called the ExxonMobil Canada East (EMCE) 24-hour emergency contact phone number listed on the nearby pipeline signage and reported the incident from a safe distance. Suddenly there was a loud screech and a larger vapor cloud with liquid could be seen coming from the ditch. After EMCE was notified of this new development, the Sable Emergency Response Plan was activated.

There is a section in the NS Occupational Health and Safety Regulations on Underground Utility lines and it requires an employer to ensure that they contact the utility that owns or operates the underground electrical, gas or utility line or piping to have the locations of the lines clearly marked before beginning an excavation or trench. While the scenario for the exercise was fictional and it is unlikely it would occur, it was based on a scenario that could possibly occur, and this added to the level of realism faced by the responders. From the moment the report was first received, through to the scenario's successful conclusion, everyone involved treated the situation as if it was an actual occurrence.

"Every time we conduct an emergency response exercise, we strive to make it as realistic as possible," said Brent Janke, Sable Asset Manager and Operations Superintendent. "Only the folks who are evaluating the exercise are aware of what to expect or given any details on how it will unfold. The goal is to see emergency response personnel react as they would in an actual event, so we can see what they're doing well and where things may need to be improved."

Participating in the exercise were the Guysborough Emergency Measures Organization, four local fire departments, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Emergency Health Services, Point Tupper Marine Services and 17 members of the Sable Onshore Operations Emergency Response Team. During the exercise, these organizations worked together to mobilize a reconnaissance team to assess the situation, establish a communications office to keep media, officials and residents informed of the developing situation and complete emergency repairs on the pipeline.

After the exercise, the EMCE Sable Leadership team agreed that the exercise had been extremely beneficial for everyone involved. A large part of that benefit came from seeing how the different organizations and personnel were able to work together, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved.

"It's very reassuring to see how the employees from ExxonMobil work with all the authorities, emergency response personnel and the local community to respond to such situations," said Shawn Andrews, external participant and Coordinator of Information and Fire Services for the Municipality of Guysborough. "We are always working to prevent accidents and avoid emergency situations. But, in the unlikely event that an incident occurs, it's good to know that we're as prepared as possible to deal with it."

If you need to report an emergency, call the toll-free number: 1-877-374-0770.

Compression enhancing recovery

Over the past nine years, the Sable Offshore Energy Project has gone through a significant amount of growth and improvements.

The project began operating in 1999 with the Thebaud, North Triumph and Venture offshore platforms, the Goldboro gas plant and the Point Tupper fractionation plant. Since that time, Sable has expanded to include the Alma platform and South Venture platform and more recently a compression platform that was installed and made operational in late 2006.

The compression platform enables additional natural gas recovery by reducing the pressure of gas in the pipelines connecting the platforms, which enables the natural pressure in the underground reservoirs to push more gas out of the ground.

More than 60 Nova Scotia companies provided goods and services during construction, installation, hookup and commissioning of the compression platform. They include companies



COMPRESSION PLATFORM INSTALLED OFFSHORE

directly related to the construction and heavy manufacturing industries, as well as those in the transportation, clothing, education, and communications industries.

Sable is the largest construction project in Nova Scotia's history. Thousands of Nova Scotians have worked more than 16 million hours helping to build and safely operate the project.

Sable Employee Profile: Barb Welsh



BARB WELSH, OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE

When Barb Welsh sits down in the Goldboro control room, she knows she has to be prepared for anything, just as you would at the controls of an airplane.

"You always have to be on your game when you're in the control room," says Barb, Operations Associate, Onshore at Goldboro and Outside Operator at Point Tupper. "Just like flying a plane, there are procedures and practices that must be followed for straight and level flight. It's a pretty steady process for the most part but there's always the odd curve

ball thrown at you, which we're well trained to anticipate and handle."

Referring to a control room's operation in aviation terms won't come as a surprise to those who know Barb. The Steep Creek, Guysborough County native spent a year pursuing her pilot's license, becoming as familiar with a plane's instrument panel as she is with the panels and screens in the control room. Even when she's on the ground at Point Tupper, the pilot experience comes into play as she checks equipment, handles railway and trucking operations, and keeps everything flying smoothly.

"When I go to work, I enter a mode that involves two onshore facilities and also offshore operations," explains Barb. "It takes a tremendous amount of training, teamwork and camaraderie to make this all work.

We may be separated by miles of pipe but we're only push-buttons and keystrokes apart. And every day we're learning new things that make us all better operators."

Prior to joining ExxonMobil in 1999, Barb spent ten years with the Canadian Forces as a Communications Technician, being posted as near as Debert, Nova Scotia and as far as Cold Lake, Alberta. Since returning to civilian life, she's dedicated her time to raising twin boys with her partner Chad and staying as active with her family as she is on the job.

"We all enjoy biking, boating and making the most of our time off together. This is a great place to grow up and I feel very fortunate that my work with ExxonMobil allows my boys to grow up here and experience this beautiful area as well."