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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

- (a) “bailing” means removing mud, sand, cuttings and other debris from the bottom of a wellbore with a bailer;
- (b) “braided line” means a multi-strand line or wire rope;
- (c) “explosive” has the same meaning as in the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* (AR 62/2003);
- (d) “fishing” means retrieving lost or stuck equipment from a wellbore;
- (e) “flow control equipment” means equipment to control well flow and includes plugs, test tools, chokes, standing valves, side door chokes, sleeves and shut-in tools;
- (f) “high pressure well” means a well with a maximum potential wellbore surface pressure that is greater than 35 MPa (5000 psi);
- (g) “occupation” means the occupation of slickline services that is designated as a designated occupation pursuant to the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*;
- (h) “perforating” means creating holes in tubing to establish communication between the tubing and the casing of the wellbore;
- (i) “pressure control equipment” means equipment used to contain wellbore pressure at surface;

- (j) “slickline” means a solid single-strand line that is used for the selective placement, manipulation and retrieval of wireline tools and flow control equipment within a wellbore;
- (k) “slickline services equipment” means any equipment that is used to support or complete a slickline services operation and includes but is not limited to pressure control equipment and flow control equipment;
- (l) “specialty line” means a continuous length of sealed metal tube that is similar in handling and appearance to slickline and houses either wire or fibre optics at its core;
- (m) “swabbing” means lifting fluid from the wellbore through the use of a wire rope or slickline, a swab mandrel and a swab cup;
- (n) “wellbore” means a hole drilled for the purpose of exploration or extraction of natural gas, oil or water.

Constitution of the occupation

2 The undertakings that constitute the occupation are the use of slickline, specialty line or braided line in conjunction with operation-specific tools to perform completion, production and abandonment operations for the life cycle of a wellbore.

Tasks, activities and functions

3(1) When practising or otherwise carrying out the undertakings as an assistant operator in the occupation, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that level of the occupation:

- (a) contributing to the health and safety of the work environment;
- (b) contributing to the control of critical and emergency situations;
- (c) supporting environmental protection;
- (d) contributing to an effective work environment;
- (e) maintaining and servicing slickline services equipment;
- (f) driving vehicles;
- (g) supporting pre-job, job and post-job operations;

- (h) performing the tasks, activities and functions listed in subsection (2)(b) to (h) under the supervision of a level one operator in the occupation.

(2) When practising or otherwise carrying out the undertakings as a level one operator in the occupation, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that level of the occupation:

- (a) the tasks, activities and functions identified in subsection (1)(a) to (g);
- (b) establishing operational requirements;
- (c) selecting, testing and transporting slickline services equipment;
- (d) rigging slickline services equipment;
- (e) operating pressure control equipment;
- (f) running tools;
- (g) removing sand and paraffin from a wellbore;
- (h) running instruments to record pressure and temperature at the bottom of a wellbore;
- (i) supervising assistant operators in the occupation performing the tasks, activities and functions set out in clauses (b) to (h);
- (j) performing the tasks, activities and functions listed in subsection (3)(b) to (f) under the supervision of a level two operator in the occupation.

(3) When practising or otherwise carrying out the undertakings as a level two operator in the occupation, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that level of the occupation:

- (a) the tasks, activities and functions listed in subsection (2)(a) to (i);
- (b) installing and retrieving flow control equipment;
- (c) bailing;
- (d) general fishing;
- (e) perforating;
- (f) swabbing;

- (g) supervising level one operators in the occupation performing the tasks, activities and functions set out in clauses (b) to (f);
- (h) performing the tasks, activities and functions listed in subsection (4)(b) to (f) under the supervision of a level three operator in the occupation.

(4) When practising or otherwise carrying out the undertakings as a level three operator in the occupation, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that level of the occupation:

- (a) the tasks, activities and functions listed in subsection (3)(a) to (g);
- (b) conducting operations with braided line or specialty line;
- (c) performing operations in a wellbore of a well designated as a critical sour well;
- (d) conducting high pressure well operations;
- (e) complex fishing;
- (f) conducting operations using explosives;
- (g) supervising level two operators in the occupation performing the tasks, activities and functions set out in clauses (b) to (f).

4 Repealed AR 213/2017 s6.

Coming into force

5 This Regulation comes into force on September 30, 2013.



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