

PETEX Launches Its Voice of Training

The changing climate of today's oil and gas industry means it's more important than ever to stay ahead of the information curve. That's why PETEX (Petroleum Extension Service) is introducing *Voice of Training* to help you keep pace with the latest developments in technical training and resources.

At PETEX, we want you to succeed. We know that developing people to perform critical skills is the key to your success. To better serve you, we've extended our reach, providing more courses in more locations around the globe and updating our catalog of training publications. We hope that our *Voice* will become your link to the world of training with perspectives on technologies and professional development -- from the rigfloor to the office.

Here's what you can expect:

- Announcements of new training classes and publications
- News about developing initiatives and views on technologies
- Profiles of our staff members, instructors, and authors
- Client testimonials on the impact of training
- Schedule of courses at our Houston Training Center



Sharing Expertise

Since 1944, PETEX has provided state-of-the-art training to oil and gas industry personnel. Our reputation as an industry trainer of choice is due to the strong relationships we've built with our clients. Our network includes major corporations, small companies, institutions, organizations, and individuals on and off shore who trust PETEX to meet their ever-increasing training needs.

Five Reasons to Choose PETEX

1. Endorsed experts on oil and gas industry challenges
2. Global perspective, delivering training wherever you are
3. Customized courses to meet your needs
4. Top-quality educational publications
5. Ongoing training partnerships to ensure long-term success

PETEX training programs span industry skills from fundamentals to highly technical expertise. For more information, contact 800-687-7052 or 281-443-7144; email petexhtc@www.utexas.edu; or visit our Web site at www.utexas.edu/ce/petex.

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PETEX PERSPECTIVES

From Director Greg McCormack



The world's appetite for energy is expected to increase about fifty percent in the next twenty years. When you consider our growing industrialized population and the way we consume energy, it's no wonder we have to reach outside usual limits and discover new

ways to find and extract the oil and gas we'll need.

Professionals with advanced expertise are fast developing precision technologies to clearly examine areas beneath the earth's surface. They are innovating new techniques to maximize yields in existing tracks and drill even deeper to locate and recover resources in areas once considered too problematic.

PETEX understands these challenges. We devote our energy to riding the wave with you, staying abreast of new practices, and helping you integrate them by training and educating your workforce. We understand that mistakes on the job translate to lost efficiency, lost income, and sometimes lost lives. There has never been a time when training has been more important.

We're responding to this need with new programs and services. We've expanded our training to deliver instruc-

tion when and where it's needed around the globe, developing innovative programs tailored to regional needs. We've also increased our PETEX staff by fifty percent to meet demands. We've hired new course coordinators and editing and digital learning professionals who are hard at work updating our courses, publications and audiovisual materials – all part of a comprehensive effort to provide the progressive training solutions our clients require.

You will be seeing and hearing more from us. Our Houston Training Center is busier than ever developing and dispatching courses abroad. In Austin, PETEX is developing digital learning formats to conveniently deliver courses online. We're also preparing to introduce an online shopping cart this spring so you can buy materials and enroll in classes online. And, we just released two new books, *Life Offshore* and *LNG: Basics of Liquefied Natural Gas*, and have revitalized our newsletter.

We hope PETEX *Voice of Training* will serve as a valuable communication tool to demonstrate our focus on your needs. At PETEX, we feel it is important that we face current challenges and embrace new opportunities together.

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On the Move and Off to Malta

It's no surprise that PETEX is growing. As our clients expand operations, so must we.

In the last four months alone, the PETEX staff has grown fifty percent. At our headquarters at The University of Texas at Austin's J.J. Pickle Research Campus, offices have been added to house seven new staff members to meet an increasing demand for the training publications developed there. The Austin team works daily to produce and ship educational books and materials to clients worldwide to ensure the most relevant resources are available for front-line operations.

Our Houston Training Center is also experiencing recent growth with four new course administrators to coordinate expanded training at the Center and on sites globally. Those visiting PETEX Houston may notice newly renovated offices and classrooms to accommodate the high volume of training courses held there.

PETEX continues to enhance its offerings. Along with 46 scheduled

classes at the Houston Training Center, we offer 36 onsite courses at client locations around the world. Our teaching professionals deliver courses when and where clients need them.

In the second half of this year, industry experts will visit Malta to conduct a unique training course on Economics for the Petroleum Industry. The course, hosted by PETEX and the University of Malta in Valletta, will address the question: are we running out of oil? The four and one-half-day program will focus on

"Growth and service go hand in hand," says PETEX Director, Greg McCormack. "You can't have one without the other."

today's complex decisions surrounding whether or not to drill. Business professionals faced with making these decisions will want to join their colleagues from around the world to learn about how their decisions impact profitability and the future.

This program marks the first training program of its kind offered by PETEX in the Maltese vicinity of



the Mediterranean. The University of Malta has offered its facility for the training, which is strategically placed in the heart of the region. Malta's sunny island climate and vibrant culture provide an attractive location for this one-of-a-kind course.

This program is an example of the customized training PETEX provides to ensure workers have the right expertise to meet their company's current challenges. Expanding exploration and emerging technologies set the stage for new opportunities for PETEX to assist with ongoing training and professional development.

For more information on the course being offered in Malta -- Economics for the Petroleum Industry: Are We Running Out of Oil? -- visit www.utexas.edu/ce/petex or call 800-687-7052.

Cost is 2650€ per person. Space will be limited. Date to be determined; check our Web site for updated information.



Deepwater drilling calls for specially trained workers at the controls.

Industry Experts – the Key to Quality Publications

By Fran Kennedy-Ellis, Assistant Director



For over sixty years, PETEX has been producing top-quality petroleum reference materials to train industry workers and educate students. With a global reputation for accurate, business-relevant materials, PETEX maintains over 200 titles in its catalog and is currently updating editions to

keep pace with clients' needs.

To ensure the high quality content we're known for, PETEX relies on feedback from our clients and input from field experts, prominent engineers, and academicians who are well-respected in their areas of work. We also involve our esteemed advisory board of industry professionals. These technical resources are the keys to our success. As we develop new titles on timely topics, we continue to seek subject-matter experts to assist and validate our efforts.

If you have expertise in a specialized area and experience writing or reviewing technical papers or manuscripts, please contact us. If you have not participated before but are interested in assisting us, let us know. In return, you will benefit from industry-wide exposure while playing a vital role in shaping the industry's workforce.

CALL FOR EXPERTS

We are currently seeking subject-matter experts to review publishing projects in the following areas:

- Spread mooring systems
- Jacking systems and rig moving
- Diving and equipment
- Controlled directional drilling
- Balanced pressure drilling
- Offshore operations
- Oil and gas production fundamentals

To assist, please contact us.

PETEX is grateful for the generous support we receive from all of our professional partners. Together we help ensure safe and efficient on-the-job performance.

To serve as an author or reviewer, call Fran Kennedy-Ellis, Assistant Director, at 512-471-6160. To order materials from our library, see the *2008 Petroleum Extension Service Catalog* at www.utexas.edu/ce/petex. Or, call 800-687-4132, 512-471-5940; or email petex@www.utexas.edu.

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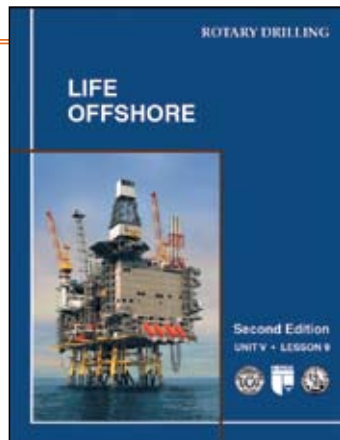
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An Inside Look

Offshore oil and gas operations have changed enormously. Workers must perform difficult and physically demanding tasks, and many jobs also require advanced levels of technical and computer skills.

At the same time, offshore living conditions have improved dramatically. Computers, satellite TV, DVDs, and helicopter travel have allowed workers to stay connected with the outside world. Companies have worked hard to provide safe

working conditions, quality living quarters, and recreational facilities for their workers.

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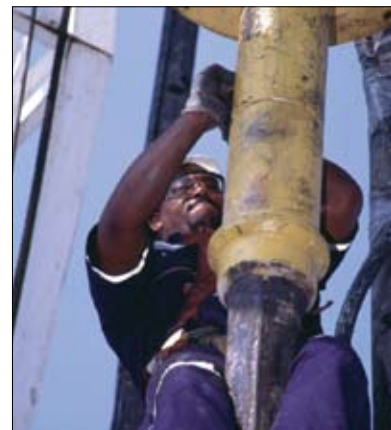
well suited to this profession.

Offshore work requires being far away from home and family for long periods of time. Employees work for seven to thirty-five days on and an equal number of days off, working twelve hours per day for an average of six to nine months out of a year. They live as close to normal as possible in the self-contained community of the platform or rig.

Offshore work continues to be in high demand. The need for new employees is projected to grow substantially, and opportunities for

steady employment and advancement promise to be strong.

But what's it really like? Find out all the details in PETEX's newest edition of *Life Offshore* by Julia Ruggeri of PETEX, available now. Visit www.utexas.edu or call 800-687-4132.



Some jobs require heights of complexity.

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Transocean and PETEX

A winning team in achieving workforce excellence

Transocean is not only the world's largest offshore drilling contractor but it also touts the lowest Total Recordable Incident Rate per 200,000 hours worked in the company's history for the second year straight. That didn't happen by accident. Transocean is committed to safety and drilling performance through rigorous training of its more than 20,000 employees on high-tech rigs worldwide.

PETEX's easy-to-use educational publications and audiovisuals are the

perfect complement to Transocean's task-based technical instruction – all part of the company's internally developed training system in which PETEX plays a vital role.

Transocean hand-picks a variety of resource materials including PETEX pubs and DVDs, and enlists PETEX in procuring, storing, packaging, and shipping them out on demand. The "start-up" kits alone are huge: four boxes containing anywhere from ten to forty-plus items in each. David Acuña, PETEX Warehouse Supervisor, and assistant, Angel Pozos, work hard to ensure Transocean receives the right training packages at the right time.



Acuña (left) and Pozos (right) pack and ship hundreds of rig worker starter kits each year.



SPRING TRAINING

For the complete 2008-09 schedule, visit www.utexas.edu/ce/petex

School	CEUs	Length	Dates	Tuition
Elementary Drilling	3.3	4 ½	Mar. 3-7	\$1,600
Petroleum Fundamentals	3.3	4 ½	Mar. 10-14	\$1,625
Hydraulics for Pipeline Engineers	3.3	4 ½	Mar. 24-28	\$1,600
Mass Measurement of Hydrocarbon Fluids	3.3	4 ½	Mar. 24-28	\$1,600
Introduction to Offshore Operations	3.3	4 ½	Mar. 31-Apr. 4	\$1,720
Basic Petroleum Measurement	3.3	4 ½	Apr. 7-11	\$1,625
Advanced Petroleum Measurement	3.3	4 ½	Apr. 14-18	\$1,625
Hydraulics for Pipeline Operators	1.9	2 ½	Apr. 15-17	\$1,160
Completion and Workover	7.1	9 ½	Apr. 28-May 9	\$3,100
Petroleum Fundamentals	3.3	4 ½	June 2-6	\$1,625
Gauging, Testing, and Running of Lease Tanks	1.1	1 ½	June 5-6	\$550
Natural Gas Measurement				
Fundamentals	2.3	3	June 16-18	\$1,060
Design/Application/Inspection	1.1	1 ½	June 19-20	\$700
Electric Flow Measurement	2.3	3	June 23-25	\$1,060
Sampling and Analysis (Quality)	1.1	1 ½	June 26-27	\$700

All courses are held at the PETEX Houston Training Center, 2700 W.W. Thorne Drive, Houston, TX 77073.
 Training dates are subject to change.

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