

## PETEX Welcomes New Director John Hoopingarner



**P**ETEX is proud to announce John Hoopingarner as its new director. “I’m very excited by the opportunity to lead PETEX,” said Hoopingarner. “Having worked in a variety of roles in the oil and gas industry, I am fully aware of

PETEX’s sterling reputation as a leader in oil and gas industry training. I hope to add my own experience in new business development and operations management to help PETEX scale even greater heights.”

Hoopingarner has extensive leadership and business development experience gleaned from his diverse domestic and foreign assignments in the oil and gas industry for

Dresser Industries and Brown and Root. He served in several managerial positions around the world for SEDCO Inc. and Sedco Forex-Schlumberger. In addition, he worked for ten years as Executive Vice President at Emergent Technologies, Inc. (ETI), a company devoted to the development and commercialization of early stage university-based research.

“I am thrilled to welcome John Hoopingarner to Continuing and Innovative Education,” stated Senior Associate Dean Linda Glessner of Continuing and Innovative Education (CIE) at the University of Texas at Austin. “His vast experience with developing new business opportunities at the international level makes him an exciting addition to our leadership and to PETEX.”

## PETEX Online Tool Identifies Competency Gaps, Maps Solutions

**D**o you need help sharpening your workforce’s skills to maximize safety and performance? PETEX has an easy answer with a unique e-tool based on the skills and competencies outlined by the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs) matrix established by the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). The new PETEX Skills Analysis Tool (SAT) lets users easily self-assess skills and competencies needed for drilling-sector jobs by identifying training gaps and recommending possible solutions.

### The PETEX SAT:

- Identifies gaps in necessary job skills and recommends relevant, readily available training solutions.
- Produces a map of training gaps that supervisors can review, adjust, and approve.
- Suggests the appropriate solutions—publications, e-books, classroom training, e-learning, training videos, webinars, and online assessments— to close identified knowledge gaps.

Recommendations include PETEX solutions supplemented by options provided by PETEX training partners that specialize in areas outside PETEX’s scope.

To learn more, visit [www.utexas.edu/ce/petex/digital/sat](http://www.utexas.edu/ce/petex/digital/sat) or contact **Zahid Yoosufani**, Online Training Solutions Manager, at [zahidy@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:zahidy@austin.utexas.edu).

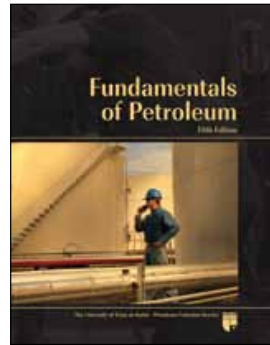
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**F**undamentals of Petroleum is the most comprehensive manual of its kind targeting the broad spectrum of workers involved in today's petroleum industry. The new edition is divided in five parts and offers a separate Online Assessment with CEUs to test knowledge. Glossary terms are provided in the new edition of *A Dictionary for the Oil and Gas Industry, 2nd Edition*.



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compressed versions of the popular course are also available for delivery to clients upon request.

The Petroleum Fundamentals course is popular among those seeking basic knowledge of industry practices.

- Classes are delivered by experienced field experts in an interactive and engaging format.
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- Midstream Natural Gas Measurement (TX, CO, and OK)
- Natural Gas Plant—Fundamentals of Operation (NM and CO)
- Expert Witness Training in Natural Gas Measurement and Crude Oil Measurement (Houston, TX)
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## Life Offshore

**O**ffshore 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.

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.

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