



CS-PFR-15-7 Cuttings Containment During Adverse Weather

Augean North Sea Service (ANSS) were awarded the contract by Centrica for the provision of cuttings containment and disposal services on July 2015.

Work scope - Operate and maintain cutting containment and solids control equipment during all OBM drilling and Pit Cleaning operations in both normal and adverse weather conditions.

Challenge = Adverse Weather

Solution – ANSS supplied as part of the equipment package a Vacuum unit as contingency to the Primary auger system and 4-Bay skip load Station.

This batch of adverse weather would test ANSS and their equipment to the full and the key objective of this project was to minimise the potential for rig downtime during drilling.

This was achieved by the ANSS regular crew on-board who managed against all odds with proactive forward planning to continue with 12 ¼" cuttings containment operations, during high winds gusting over 60 mph and no Crane activity for over 50 hours. This allowed our customer to continue drilling in poor weather conditions at a good rate of drilling saving them time and money, over 55 tonnes of cuttings were contained and over 700ft drilled during the 50 hours period when most other Rigs in the North Sea were incurring rig costs waiting on weather (WOW).

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Contract information

When – December 2015

Where – Paragon B391 contract to Centrica.

Equipment – 4-Bay skip loading station with directional chutes. (a Vacuum system was also installed as contingency to the auger system and for clean ups).

Safety – Carried out with Zero Incidents. A time out for safety identified additional risks that were discussed at the toolbox talk and then managed throughout the period and related to additional PPE, equipment checks and behaviours.

Achievements

- Activity completed safely
- No environmental impact, 100% containment was maintained during the adverse weather,
- Allowed Customer to continue drilling and avoid 50 hours downtime costs.

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