



Regulatory Readiness Assurance

Independent verification that operations will withstand regulatory scrutiny

Regulatory inspections rarely occur because systems are absent.

They occur when operational controls degrade, governance systems fail to identify risk and organisations rely on documented compliance rather than operational reality.

Regulators do not assess what is written.

They assess what is happening in practice.

This exposes:

- Gaps between procedures and execution
- Weaknesses in supervision and operational discipline
- Ineffective assurance and governance systems

Regulatory readiness assurance provides leadership with independent verification that operational systems, controls and governance frameworks will withstand external regulatory scrutiny.

This enables organisations to identify and address regulatory exposure before inspection, strengthening operational performance and reducing the risk of regulatory findings.

What we verify

Regulatory readiness assurance focuses on confirming that operations are compliant, controlled and defensible in practice — not only in documentation.

Verification typically assesses the effectiveness of key areas including:

- Effectiveness of safety-critical controls and operational barriers
- Implementation of operational procedures during live activities
- Workforce competence and supervisory effectiveness in high-risk tasks
- Alignment between management systems and operational execution
- Effectiveness of governance, assurance and internal audit processes
- Compliance with environmental, safety and operational regulatory requirements
- Integrity of inspection, maintenance and certification regimes
- Accuracy and reliability of operational reporting and performance data

Verification is conducted in the operating environment, ensuring that regulatory compliance is demonstrated in practice rather than assumed through documentation.

Industry standards and regulatory alignment

Regulatory readiness assurance reviews are conducted in alignment with applicable international standards, regional regulatory frameworks and recognised industry guidance where relevant, including:

- ISO 19011 – Guidelines for Auditing Management Systems
- ISO 45001 – Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management Systems
- IOGP guidance on HSE management systems and regulatory compliance
- International and regional offshore regulatory frameworks
- Operator-specific standards and contractual compliance requirements
- Applicable national legislation and statutory inspection regimes

These frameworks provide reference points for regulatory expectations across jurisdictions, ensuring that assurance activities are aligned to both compliance obligations and operational risk exposure.

Our assurance activities

Regulatory readiness assurance may involve a range of independent evaluation activities, including:

- Risk-based audits of management systems and regulatory compliance frameworks
- Field verification of safety-critical controls and operational safeguards
- Observation of high-risk operational activities and supervisory control
- Evaluation of workforce competence and task execution
- Review of inspection, maintenance and certification systems

- Assessment of governance, assurance and reporting structures
- Verification of environmental compliance systems and containment controls
- Interviews with operational personnel, supervisors and leadership

Findings are evidence-based and operationally focused, providing leadership with clear insight into regulatory exposure, control effectiveness and organisational weaknesses.

Where this is typically applied

Regulatory readiness assurance is commonly applied during:

- Preparation for regulatory inspection or intervention
- Pre-mobilisation and operational start-up readiness
- Independent assurance reviews for operators and drilling contractors
- Post-incident or high-risk operational review
- Contractor governance and compliance verification
- Periodic assurance programmes across assets or operations

Leadership value

Regulatory readiness assurance provides leadership with:

- Early visibility of regulatory exposure and potential findings
- Reduced likelihood and severity of regulatory non-compliance
- Improved operational discipline and control effectiveness
- Greater confidence in governance and assurance systems
- Strengthened organisational readiness for external scrutiny
- Defensible independent assurance under regulatory, partner and board review

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