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NACE INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES NEW CORROSION ASSESSMENT COURSE FOR FIXED OFFSHORE STRUCTURES

Houston, TX – NACE International, a professional technical association for leaders in corrosion control technology, recently announced the launch of its newest integrity management training and certification course for offshore fixed structures, Offshore Corrosion Assessment Training (OCAT).

Although the original Offshore Corrosion Assessment Training (OCAT) was developed for the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the new public course offering was specifically designed to create parity between the training of MMS inspectors, the future actions of MMS inspectors, and the maintenance and planning by companies falling under MMS purview.

The five-day program addresses the elements of in-service inspection and maintenance planning for fixed offshore structures. It also incorporates the Minerals Management Service’s (MMS) A-B-C facility evaluation grading system requirements for Level I inspection reporting. Course topics include:

- Corrosion & Corrosion Control
- Protective Coatings & Splash-Zone Systems
- Cathodic Protection Systems
- Regulatory Issues
- Corrosion Prevention Maintenance Programs
- Facility Breakdown
- Condition Grading Systems
- Data Collection & Management Systems
- Assessment Standards
- Safety
- In-Service Evaluation Equipment
- MMS Level 1 Inspections (ABC Grading)
- Data Utilization and Maintenance Planning

The curriculum was written for personnel with management and planning responsibilities, as well as field inspectors conducting in-service inspections of facilities, keeping in mind offshore platform operations personnel, and their need to better understand how corrosion prevention systems are implemented and utilized. The course was developed with the hopes that standardizing the evaluation criteria would lead to consistent interpretation of the methods for offshore facilities by industry and government.

“As standardized metrics for these evaluations evolve, the efforts focused on asset integrity will provide effective protection in an economically beneficial environment,” says course developer Terry Greenfield, CorroMetrics, Inc., Fairhope, AL. “The NACE Offshore Corrosion Assessment Training course is a crucial step toward the goal of integrating the elements of regulatory compliance with sound maintenance practices to protect those assets.”

The first course is scheduled for October 3 - 7, 2005 in New Orleans, LA. Individuals interested in attending may register online at www.nace.org/eduschedule or by calling NACE at +1 281-228-6236. Course pricing ranges from $1395 to $1695.

NACE International is a professional association dedicated to promoting public safety, protecting the environment, and reducing the economic impact of corrosion. Established in 1943, NACE International has more than 15,000 members worldwide and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences and produces industry standards, reports, publications, and software.

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