

ASSET INTEGRITY: CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

In a low oil price environment, oil and gas operators are now engaging in price-responsive strategies and the optimisation of existing assets. In the North Sea, many of these operating companies are looking at ways to re-evaluate maintenance, inspection and HSE practices to make ends meet. The following statistics are based on a recent survey of thousands of asset integrity professionals working in the field today.

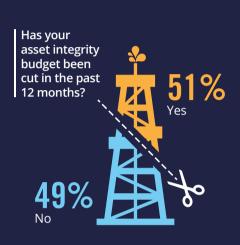
51% of asset integrity professionals are working on installations at least 20 years old.

How old is the platform or asset you are currently working on?

20%
10-20 years old (post 1990s)

35%
20-30 years old (post 1980s)

16%
>30 years old (1970s & before)



Do you think the fall in oil prices will affect the standard of asset integrity in your company?

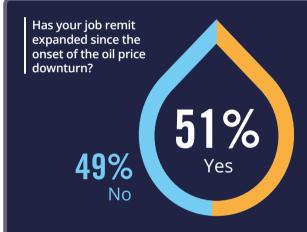


When asked "How robust is your company's asset integrity programme from 1-10 with 1 being "terrible" and 10 being "excellent"...

the average **5.4** was just

of respondent deeming that their programmes were less than a five out of ten.

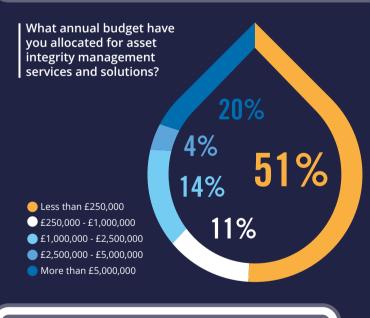
MORE THAN HALF OF ASSET INTEGRITY PROFESSIONALS HAVE HAD THEIR BUDGETS CUT IN THE PAST YEAR, 58 PER CENT OF THE SAME SEGMENT OF PEOPLE HAVE SAID THAT FALLING OIL PRICES WILL AFFECT THE STANDARD OF ASSET INTEGRITY DELIVERY IN THEIR COMPANY, THE EXACT SAME PERCENTAGE THAT RATED THEIR COMPANY'S ASSET INTEGRITY PROGRAMMES AT LESS THAN FIVE OUT OF 10. WITH OIL PRICES MOOTED TO STAY BELOW \$80 A BARREL FOR AS LONG AS THREE YEARS, HOW MUCH WORSE COULD ASSET INTEGRITY CONFIDENCE AND PERFORMANCE GET?



If you answered "YES", do you believe this expanding set of responsibilities is sustainable in the long-term?



36% Unsure

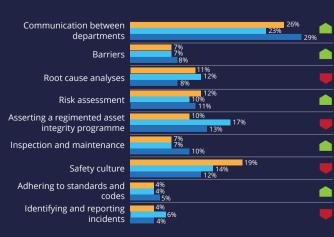




From your perspective, what is the greatest challenge in the oil and gas industry?



| What are the greatest weaknesses in your organisation?



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2015

Up Stayed Same

Down