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DETERMINATION: Elimination of the WellCAP Certificate Renewal “Grace Period”

As the result of the discussions on the suitability of the 90-day extension window to renew a WellCAP certificate, known as the “grace period”, the IADC Well Control Committee requested public comment on the issue and instructed the WellCAP Review Panel to make a final determination of the WellCAP recertification period.

At its 18 April 2011 meeting, the WellCAP Review Panel reviewed public comments received on the issue and reviewed current WellCAP protocol before making the determination. Thirty-nine comments were received, with the majority in favor of eliminating the 90-day “grace period”. Twenty-six were in favor of eliminating the grace period, five opposed the elimination, and eight offered comments with no opinion on the issue.

The WellCAP Review Panel made the following Determination:

- The retraining period for the WellCAP Fundamental and Supervisory levels and for WellCAP Plus are defined as no more than 24 months following the completion date of the training course.
- A WellCAP certificate is valid for 24 months from the date of completion of the WellCAP training course.
- For WellCAP training to remain valid, the retraining must be completed prior to the expiration date recorded on the WellCAP certificate. The 90-day extension beyond the certificate expiration date to renew the certificate is no longer permitted.

This determination is effective **30 December 2011**. Individuals currently holding WellCAP certificates are advised to seek renewal of his/her certificate prior to the expiration date recorded on his/her certificate.

The WellCAP Handbook for Accreditation, Form WCT-01, is currently under revision to reflect this determination. The revised Handbook will be issued on or about 30 June 2011.

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