Operational Excellence and Performance System (OEPS)

Setting an expectation for competency, consistency, reliability, and credibility across Weatherford
A Commitment to Excellence

Weatherford developed the Operational Excellence and Performance System (OEPS) to support our clients in their operations throughout the globe while meeting the criteria outlined by international management system standards.

OEPS combines quality, health, safety, environment, security, reliability, and essential business requirements into one comprehensive, performance-driven management system. The system establishes core expectations to deliver consistent service to our clients while protecting all personnel, property, processes, and the environment.

OEPS demonstrates our commitment to quality in our operations and fosters a culture of workers who are empowered to act in the best interest of everyone involved.

Consistent Standards. Consistent Service Quality.

Within the OEPS umbrella, we maintain a number of programs to educate and reinforce the expectations for competency, consistency, reliability, and credibility across our operations worldwide.

Our Eight GEMS (Getting Everyone Managing Safety) program is designed to educate employees and empower them to intervene when they see unsafe situations. Each GEM focuses on a specific opportunity for risk prevention:

- Driver and vehicle safety
- Commitment and intervention
- Facility safety
- Induction and training
- Risk management
- Lifting equipment and operations
- Hazardous substances
- Hazardous environments
- Occupational health

At Weatherford, we aim to differentiate ourselves through our service quality. We understand the importance of consistently delivering quality products and services to our clients. To attain this goal, we provide quality control at several levels:

- Management review
- Document, data, and records management
- Audits
- Engineering support, design, and service configuration
- Identification, status, and traceability
- Control of company and customer property, assets, and inventory
- Testing, measuring, and detection equipment
- Control of nonconforming service-related products, processes, and devices
- Continual improvement through preventive and corrective actions
- Industrial maintenance
- Key performance indicators
- Procurement and supplier quality
- Management of change
- Security

Every day brings an opportunity to showcase our commitment to excellence, and every day we strive to meet and exceed those expectations.
A Higher Standard

How OEPS Aligns with International Management System Standards

Weatherford maintains core operational requirements, as detailed within international and national management system standards:
- ISO 9001 Quality Management System Standard
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Standard
- OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health & Safety Assessment Specification

Additionally, since the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, many of our clients now request that specific business areas and locations be accredited to API Q2 Specification for Quality in the Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries: Programs and Quality Management System Requirements.

The additional requirements needed to meet API Q2 accreditation are clearly called out within the OEPS standards. The distinction between OEPS core and API Q2 requirements gives us the flexibility to meet diverse client needs.

Documentation

OEPS comprises five levels of documentation critical to the effective planning and execution of our products and services. The following structure and documents are the minimum OEPS requirements. A global business unit, region, or product line may add additional documents to meet the requirements of a specific country, region, client, or site.

Policy documents capture our foundational intent, ideals, and rules.

Standards documents demonstrate compliance to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, API Q2, and other international management systems and detail our health, safety, and environmental (HSE) controls, including country-specific regulatory and legal requirements. Weatherford has two categories of HSE performance standards. Our Eight GEMS program is designed to educate employees and empower them to intervene when they see unsafe acts. Our Four Tenets program is designed to educate employees and empower them to intervene when they see unsafe acts.

Product-line technical documents facilitate the effective planning, operation, risk mitigation, and control of our products and services. These documents clearly describe how to perform a specific task, such as operating a piece of equipment, manufacturing a part, or repairing a tool. Technical documents also cover support functions and client- and site-specific requirements.

To help mitigate risk and bolster reliability, product-line technical documents are developed using a three-step process:

1. Risk assessment: A detailed assessment of the technical instructions for quality, health, safety, and environmental risks; the consequences associated with the risks; and the controls to eliminate or minimize them.
2. Technical work instruction: The creation of a step-by-step list of requirements, with special attention to the critical risks previously identified.
3. Process map: An expansion of those steps that have been deemed critical to quality, health, safety, and the environment.

Records and evidence demonstrate compliance with OEPS standards, engineering specifications, client-stated requirements, regulatory requirements, and other applicable requirements. These documents include informational guides, checklists, forms, audit and inspection results, data, and records.

A Flexible Approach

How We Integrate OEPS into Diverse Operations

OEPS is applied across all of our business units worldwide to meet or exceed all applicable standards, regulations, and legal requirements. It incorporates key performance indicators to drive accountability and is flexible enough to accommodate the unique needs and expectations of each client.

We understand that a rigid set of guidelines does not suit the breadth of our organization or that of our clients. Rather than applying one standard to all operations, we have organized OEPS according to four central principles:

- Competency: All Weatherford employees receive appropriate training through our learning management tools and must achieve competence before going out in the field. Competency means that each worker understands his job, the risks associated with performing it, and the controls necessary to eliminate or minimize risks to the individuals, organizations, and communities with which we work.

- Consistency: Consistent systems and processes are imperative to the success of our business. OEPS provides training and documentation to assure that we perform our services in a similar fashion across all of our operating locations. We also apply unified standards and policies through contract management, responsible leadership, equipment performance integrity, asset and inventory management, process assurance, change management, and regulatory compliance.

- Credibility: OEPS establishes a series of benchmarks that foster a culture of healthy competition, both internally and externally, as we work to provide the best possible products and services to our clients. Our system includes expectations for product and service performance, operational experience, client satisfaction, problem resolution, audit performance, supply-chain performance, employee experience, and continuous learning with the goal of incident-free operations.

- Reliability: Reliable service quality results from applying a proven methodology. OEPS outlines procedures for product and service realization, risk management, supplier and subcontractor relationships, service execution, performance tracking, and continual improvement.

These principles are integrated throughout OEPS. Applied in conjunction with the Weatherford Code of Business Conduct, they are crucial to the success of our organization and our clients.
A Global Network

Our reach, like that of our clients, is not confined to any single state, country, or region. We maintain API Q1 and Q2-certified facilities throughout the world.

OEPS Online, our internal web portal, enables Weatherford personnel to quickly and reliably access OEPS documents, guides, standards, forms, and tools. With this innovative system, we are able to consistently communicate all relevant standards and procedures across our operations worldwide.
For more information regarding OEPS as well as the products and services offered by Weatherford, please visit weatherford.com.