

## **SAFETY NOTICE**

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## NEXT / NEXT CENTURY TANDEM

A voluntary appeal dated 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 was sent out to all Advanced Packers (T) asking for information regarding damage to reserve loops in order to collate information in order to try and pinpoint what the cause of the damage might be.

A Safety Information Bulletin (SI 1/14) was subsequently issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 which advised of the inspection of the condition of Next / Next Century Tandem reserve loops. A further appeal was made for information to be forwarded to investigate the issue.

Following the above a Working Group was formed after the Riggers Subcommittee meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014 to collate and further investigate any information that may have been reported via the appeal. That working group has received insufficient information from both the appeal and Safety Information Bulletin from Advanced Packers (T) and the manufacturer to arrive at a definitive conclusion and therefore still has concerns over the matter.

Therefore following the request in SI 1/14 it has now been necessary to issue this safety Notice:

All Next and Next Century Tandem reserve loops must be inspected every 50 jumps +/- 10 jumps, or three months, whichever comes first.

This inspection must be annotated on the ROI, Reserve Data Card and Form 112b (100 jump inspection log) to indicate when the next check is due.

Following the inspection a record of the condition and length of the loop must be maintained and the loop is to be replaced with a new one.

The first inspection is to be carried out at the earliest opportunity, if a procedure is not already in place and this must continue until further notice. If any damage is found it is to be reported it via the Appeal Questionnaire (attached), similarly Advanced Packers (T) are to report the lack of any damage. We will also continue to try and obtain clarification from the manufacturers in order to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

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