

Biography:

Peter K. Velez, Global Emergency Response Manager, Shell International Exploration and Production

PETER K. VELEZ is the Global Emergency Response Manager for Shell International Exploration and Production. He received a B.S. (1974) and M.S. (1975) in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He has been employed by Shell since 1975. His assignments have included Drilling Engineering, Civil Engineering, Division Civil Engineer, Operations Superintendent, Production Superintendent, Manager Production Engineering, Manager Health, Safety and Environment, Manager Regulatory Affairs, Manager Regulatory Affairs & Incident Command, and his present assignment.

He was appointed by the Secretary of Transportation to the USCG National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee in which he served for 7 years, the last 4 years as the Chairperson. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Marine Preservation Association (largest Oil Spill Response Organization in the U.S.). He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences – Marine Board. He presently chairs the IPIECA Arctic Oil Spill Task Force, and serves on the API/NOIA Oil Spill Response Task Force established after the Deepwater Horizon incident. As the Incident Commander for Shell, he has responded to major incidents in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore involving oil spills, hurricanes, security, Y2K, and other events. He has performed work for Shell at international locations in Nigeria, Oman, Algeria, Gabon, UK, Norway, Russia, China, India, Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, and Venezuela.

