



#### Regulatory Reforms in Mexico Energy Production and Environmental Protection

## **A Technical Regulator for a New Market Frame**



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# Constitutional mandate, general structure **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**





## A Constitutional Mandate to regulate O&G

Energy Bill: 2103

- 9 new Laws, 25 new rulings
- 3 amendments to the Constitution

Amendment to the Federal Constitution

**ASEA Federal Act: 2014** 

- To consolidate a sustainable hydrocarbons model in the long term
- To separate oil resources management from industrial, operational and environmental safety
- Federal agency of the Ministry for Environment & Natural Ressources, which regulates and controls hydrocarbons activities in the field of operational safety and environmental protection







New general regulation structure for oil & gas





#### Federal Regulators





#### Mandate, scope, mission and structure

# **STRATEGIC DESIGN**





## What ASEA does ?

Planning	Design	Permitting	Supervision	Evaluation
<ul> <li>Strategic planning</li> <li>Technical liaison</li> <li>Systems and processes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regulation</li> <li>Legal standards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Registry and permits</li> <li>Management systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Supervision, inspection, surveillance and enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evaluating Agency and Sector</li> <li>Assessing regulation cost- effectiveness</li> </ul>
Operational and Industrial Safety & Environmental Protection				

Exploration & Production	Industrial Processes	Commorcialization
Storage & Distribution		Commercialization

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# How ASEA does it?

#### Mission

To guarantee individuals' safety and environmental integrity with legal, procedural and cost-effectiveness certainty in the hydrocarbons sector.

#### Vision

Being the Agency that takes the Mexican hydrocarbons sector to be the cleanest and safest worldwide.

#### Values

- Professionalism: we work with ethics, knowledge and experience
- **Transparency:** what we do is public and accesible
- Impartiality: we make decisions based upon objective criteria
- > **Opportuneness:** we act timely and right









### **ASEA's Structure**





#### Approach, model and coordination

# **REGULATORY POLICY**





#### **General risk management model**









### **Goal-oriented regulation**



- Socialization process
- Cost-effectiveness analysis







### **Registry and permitting process**









# **Multi-level inspection platform**



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#### **Coordinated processes**



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# Round One contract model: managing risk along the project life cycle



- Phase-specific Risk Management Programs that stem from....
- ...the Environmental and Safety Systems to manage Risks
- Coupled with financial responsibility provisions
- Amendments at any stage require Risk Assessment and Risk Management Programs revision
- Initial mandatory financial provisions to manage abandonment.





#### Transition, continuous improvement and round one

# **GRADUAL IMPLEMENTATION**





# Initial and future collaboration

#### TRANSITION BASED ON COLLABORATION

#### **Transitory Regime**

- The energy reform restructured institutional bodies and competencies on the hydrocarbons sector.
- Transitory articles define deadlines and manners to transfer files and resources between offices.

#### Permanent Regime

- Government bodies will maintain close collaboration and joint endeavors.
- Collaboration systems and processes between ASEA and public administration from the begginning of operations.
- Permanent collaboration mechanisms.



# FINAL REMARKS





- Clear constitutional mandate: to regulate and supervise the entire value chain of the hydrocarbons industry countrywide
- Institutional Architecture: a blank sheet of paper to write down a process and systems-based operation
- Cutting edge regulatory and permitting policy: focused on risk management; based upon goals; inspired form best practices and operated through integral processes
- Incentive aligned inspection platform: nobody wants an accident, third parties are under random supervision and are subjet to be revoked, ASEA's body of inspectors are well trained, well payed







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# Safety management on specific operations **OPERATING THEMES**





#### **Processes safety system**

#### Components:

- Employer and employee obligations
- Information systems
- Risk analysis and management
- Operational procedures
- Training
- Contractors' safety
- Pre-starting safety inspections
- Mechanical integrity
- Dangerous work
- Managing change
- Accidents investigation
- Emergency response plans
- Audits

International reference:

OSHA 29CFR1910.119 Process Safety Management. API-750-1990 Management of Process Hazards

### Objective :

Prevention of incidents and accidents such as:

- Leaks and spills.
- Explosions.
- Fires.

Avoid affectation:

- Employers.
- Community members.
- Client providers.
- Environment.

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# Key aspects: fracking

Key aspect	Regulation criteria
Water use	Subject to CONAGUA's available criteria
Returning water (flowback) management	Treating 100% flowback
Well's integrity	Coating and special cementation on depths > 30 meters after the last found watershed
Compounds information	100% known by ASEA
Fluid storage	Tanks, steel dams or lined dams
Disposal wells injection	Safe distance from geological failures







#### **Key aspects: deep waters**

Key aspect	Regulation criteria
BOP's availability	Continuous monitoring of critical components' health
Riser operation under adverse conditions	Oportune unhooking procedures
Well's integrity	Robust design of processes and engineering methodology
Competencies	Highly skilled personnel
Hermeticism of well valves	Immediate testing and maintenance







#### Key aspects: liquids transportation by pipelines

Key aspect	Regulation criteria
Section valves system	Longitudinal sections in function of pressure exerted by a column of liquid (pgh>10 KG/cm")
Infrastructure for in-line- inspection (ILI)	Inspection through instrumented pigs or guided soundwaves
Submarine pipelines	Protection against water currents (monobloc) Additional mechanical protection on tidal zones







### Key aspects: industrial processes

Key aspect	Regulation criteria
Emergency stop systems	Implemented safety systems (valves, measuring and control elements) in process plants, direct fire heaters and turbomachinery
Fire prevention systems	On-line fire and gas detection systems
Major leaks	Isolation valves for large inventories in larger containers