

OUR PEOPLE AND EXPERTISE

Resources



Meet the people behind HCP. Our JIG Inspectors, Project Managers and Technical Specialists are ready to support your team, and each entry sets out the experience they bring and the standards they work to.

Read alongside the HCP company, Technical Services and Engineering Capability brochures.



HCP's team showcases expertise in

Aviation fuel specialisation	Emphasis on product quality and operations.
Operations and engineering	Comprehensive skills in aviation fuel industry operations.
HSSE advisory	Expertise in refinery and terminal operations.
Vehicle design and procurement	Specialisation in fuelling vehicle design and commissioning.
Inventory control	Efficient stock level management.
Terminal and airport operations	Expertise in the logistical aspects of terminals and airports.
Supply and logistics	Expertise in marine receipts.

STANDARDS AND BODIES OUR PEOPLE WORK TO



Rick Williams

JIG INSPECTOR

Rick Williams is a dynamic specialist with expertise in into-plane refuelling, airport storage, pipelines, and terminal storage management, with a proven ability to deliver innovative programmes for safety and efficiency enhancement. He is an expert strategist and planner for long-term business and engineering strategies, with practical experience in JIG and IATA fuel handling auditing and compliance, and extensive knowledge of Major Hazardous Facility compliance programme implementation.

He holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (1994) and is proficient in independent JIG inspector technical reviews and aviation fuel handling facility inspections, with expertise in product quality maintenance, contamination prevention, and remediation. He is skilled in training personnel for safe and efficient fuel handling, and has managed aviation and ground fuels projects across diverse regions, leading the health, safety, and environmental aspects of major construction projects.

He has managed Technical Service Agreements across the Asia Pacific, conducted facility engineering reviews and audits at various international locations, managed airport operations, and overseen fuel handling facilities, successfully commissioning numerous aviation fuel handling facilities.

Dr Anthony Kitson-Smith

SENIOR JIG INSPECTOR

Dr Anthony Kitson-Smith has over 30 years in the aviation fuel industry and is Global Technical Manager at a leading multinational oil and gas corporation. He currently serves as Technical and PQ Consultant for a prominent global energy trading company, and is Chairman of the Energy Institute Supply Chain Fuel Quality Sub-Committee (covering standards EI 1530, EI 1535, and EI 1533).

He is also a member of the Energy Institute's filtration, hydrant, operations equipment, and sustainability subcommittees, and previously served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Energy Institute Aviation Committee. He is an elected member representative of the Joint Inspection Group (JIG) Product Quality and Operations Committees, and a Senior JIG Inspector who trains inspectors to JIG standards.

He has been a member of the Defence Standards (UK) Aviation Fuels Executive Committee since 1992, represents his current company's aviation sector in the IATA Fuels Technical Group, and was formerly Chairman of the International Association for the Stability, Handling, and Use of Liquid Fuels (IASH) from 2012 to 2013.

Martin Tippl

SENIOR JIG INSPECTOR

Martin Tippl has 30 years of dedicated experience with ExxonMobil, specialising in aviation fuel quality, operations, and safety, encompassing both onsite and upstream airport activities. He contributed 5 years to ExxonMobil's corporate safety group and served as Chair of the JIG Operations Committee from 2018 to 2021.

He represented ExxonMobil on the EI/JIG 1530 working group, the JIG Standards Working Group, and the EI Aviation Committees, and was instrumental in developing several ExxonMobil training courses, including "Train the Trainer." He is recognised as a U.S. trainer in aviation fuel quality and safety.

Julius Irimu

SENIOR JIG INSPECTOR

Julius Irimu is a Senior JIG Inspector with 33 years of aviation experience, including senior management roles with ExxonMobil Aviation and Libya Oil Group. He is proficient in conducting comprehensive risk assessments and HAZOP studies, bringing expertise in aviation fuel inspections and quality assurance.

Robert Scott

JIG INSPECTOR

Robert Scott has 25 years of experience in the aviation industry, including as Air BP Regional Operations Manager for AUSPAC, covering logistics and terminal operations. He managed fuel supply and distribution across Afghanistan, Iraq, and Africa for DoD/NATO/UN operations, and provides engineering design, commissioning, and operations solutions for HCP. He is a JIG Inspector.

Fernando Pinto

JIG INSPECTOR — PORTUGAL

Fernando António Menau Pinto brings over 35 years of aviation fuels experience spanning operations, inspection, and training across Europe, Africa, and South America. He held senior Aviation Operations Manager roles with Esso Portuguesa and Galp Energia, conducting JIG inspections on behalf of ExxonMobil Aviation at airports and terminals worldwide.

Since 2017 he has worked independently, performing aviation fuel storage and intoplane inspections and delivering quality control training across multiple African airports. He holds a degree in Electrotechnical Engineering and an HSE Engineering qualification, and has direct, hands-on JIG inspection experience directly relevant to this engagement.

David Brown

JIG INSPECTOR — NEW ZEALAND

David Brown has 26 years of experience with ExxonMobil and retired from the company in November 2020, having been involved with Aviation for the full duration of his time with ExxonMobil. David's experience has covered Aviation operations at commercial and general aviation airports, having managed various Into-plane, Hydrant and Storage, Supply pipelines including Joint Venture operations in New Zealand and Australia.

He has extensive experience in hydrant extension, pipeline maintenance and repair, fixed and mobile equipment specification, procurement, installation, and commissioning. He also has extensive HSSE experience including leading incident investigations and delivery of Behavior Based Safety training.

In addition to being a qualified JIG Inspector his strengths are in the preparation and delivery of Aviation training having been involved in the development and roll out of the ExxonMobil Aviation training program. David is based in New Zealand.

Jody Lachine

EI/JIG 1530 ASSESSOR — CANADA

Jody Lachine has over 38 years of experience and knowledge working in the Product Quality Assurance organization with Imperial Oil and ExxonMobil. Early career assignments as laboratory manager provided Jody with in-depth knowledge of laboratory and refinery operations. As the Eastern Canada Product Quality Advisor, he was responsible for providing advice for refined products from manufacture through to retail sales, before his retirement a large part of his responsibilities were creating efficiency opportunities at refineries, terminal operations, supply and marketing.

Jody was the Americas Upstream of Airport Aviation fuel expert, a qualified EI/JIG 1530 aviation assessor with ExxonMobil, he was responsible for the implementation assessment and stewardship of the ExxonMobil Americas EI/JIG 1530 Implementation. He also sat on the ExxonMobil global aviation fuel advisory group which was responsible aviation fuel quality control across the corporation. Jody is based in Canada.

Rob Auger

FUELS QUALITY MANAGER

Rob Auger has over 20 years of expertise as a Fuels Quality Manager, spanning both civil and military sectors, and is proficient in drafting, writing, and editing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and work instructions. He has completed Shell Aviation's Operational Excellence Course and the Shell Aviation Fuels and Lubricants Technical Training Course, and is certified as an SGS Lead Auditor for ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Systems.

He is an accomplished LRQA Internal Auditor for OHSAS 18001, skilled in the ISO 28000 standard for supply chain security, and proficient in the ISO 22301 standard for business continuity. He has passed the JIG Inspectors Course and is actively working towards official sign-off as a JIG Inspector.

Janet Ganess

JIG INSPECTOR — TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

A Quality Assurance Engineer from Trinidad and Tobago with 30 years of experience in the petroleum industry, specialising in the manufacturing and sale of lubricants and the storage and handling of aviation and automotive fuels. She holds qualifications in Applied Chemistry and is a Certified Lubrication Specialist.

Janet serves as a qualified JIG Inspector and is a member of the JIG Product Quality (PQ) Committee, bringing both operational depth and active involvement in the development and application of international aviation fuel standards. Her quality assurance background and inspector credentials make her a strong contributor to the audit team.

Guillermo Huarte

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER — SOUTH AMERICA

An Industrial Engineer with an MBA and over 25 years of experience in aviation fuel operations, quality systems and third-party facility management across South America.

His career spans senior roles with ExxonMobil, Axion Energy, and Pan American Energy, during which he led aviation fuelling operations at Buenos Aires Ezeiza and Aeroparque airports, managed fuel supply across multiple Argentine and Uruguayan airports, and performed more than 25 third-party terminal inspections annually.

He holds an ISO 9000 External Auditor qualification and has successfully completed the JIG Training to Inspect to JIG Standards course.

Karen Wroughton

PROJECT CONSULTANT AND TECHNICAL TRAINER

A project consultant and technical trainer with over 30 years of experience spanning aviation fuel operations, global HSSE management and training programme development. She spent 25 years with Esso Petroleum/ExxonMobil in progressive global roles covering aviation systems, HSSE advisory and real estate project management across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Since 2017, Karen has been developing aviation fuel training content and providing operational and procedural support to aviation fuel facilities. She currently serves as Technical Consultant to HCP, supporting major airports on policy, procedure, and training development.

Scott Harris

IFQP AVIATION FUEL INSPECTOR

Scott Harris has over 40 years of experience in aviation fuel operations, infrastructure, and safety management, and has played a key role in shaping fuel logistics at major airports. He led fuel supply and infrastructure at Melbourne Airport, managing pipelines, storage systems, and hydrant operations. As Chair of the National Operations Committee, he coordinated jet fuel logistics across major Australian airports.

Scott is a certified IFQP Aviation Fuel Inspector and possesses deep expertise in JIG and IATA fuel quality standards. His leadership spans large-scale fuel operations across Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, and Europe. He is highly skilled in control systems, SCADA, and compliance with hazardous facility regulations. As an experienced consultant, Scott specialises in aviation fuel safety, audits, and operational management.

Jean-Luc Francois

TERMINAL OPERATIONS — NOUMÉA, NEW CALEDONIA

Jean-Luc Francois has over 30 years of extensive experience in petroleum terminal operations management, specialising in marine tanker discharge and bulk transfer operations across terminals in New Caledonia and the Pacific Islands. Early career roles managing technical projects provided Jean-Luc with comprehensive knowledge of terminal maintenance, laboratory procedures, preventive maintenance, and emergency response protocols.

As Joint Venture Terminal Operations Manager, he oversaw multiple terminals, implemented operational improvements, and was responsible for training, auditing, and certification of personnel in bulk operations, work permits, emergency response, and product quality assurance. Jean-Luc is a certified trainer and auditor in multiple petroleum disciplines, translating his expertise into efficiency enhancements, regulatory compliance, and safety excellence throughout regional terminal networks.

Andre Lakey

STORAGE AND SHIPPING — CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Andre John Lakey is an experienced petroleum operations professional from Cape Town, South Africa, with a career spanning over 10 years at Caltex and Chevron in storage, blending, and shipping operations. He later joined Intertek, managing shipping movements for major petroleum companies until his retirement. Andre is known for being enthusiastic, self-motivated, reliable, and adaptable under pressure. His strong teamwork skills and ability to meet strict deadlines made him a valuable asset throughout his career.

Gordon Thomson

TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONS

Gordon Thomson is a highly experienced technical and operations professional with over 40 years in the oil, gas, and energy sectors across the UK, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He has held senior roles in project management, operations, technical sales, and business development, specialising in separation systems, waste management, and aviation fuel projects.

Gordon is recognised for his strong leadership, service quality focus, and ability to deliver high-standard, client-driven solutions. He brings a proven track record of maximising operational performance, improving processes, and driving business growth internationally.

Roy Catto

PROJECT MANAGER AND ENGINEER

Roy Catto is an experienced Project Manager and Engineer with over 30 years in the oil, gas, and aviation fuel industries across Asia, Africa, and Europe. He specialises in the design, construction, and commissioning of fuel farms, hydrant systems, solids control, and waste management projects.

Roy is known for his strong leadership on large-scale infrastructure projects, technical expertise, and commitment to operational excellence and safety standards. His extensive international background and hands-on project delivery make him a valuable asset to any team.

PARTNER WITH HCP

Elevate your aviation fuel handling capabilities

Choose HCP for a service offering that is comprehensive, customisable and at the forefront of industry standards, spanning supply logistics, product quality assurance, operations management, commercial analysis, engineering and training. Our people bring the knowledge and skills your operation needs in today's fast-paced aviation fuel sector.

That breadth of expertise, and our commitment to quality behind it, makes us the ideal partner across the full life of your fuel system. Let us help you navigate the complexities of aviation fuel management, from day-to-day operational support to major engineering projects and expert-led training.

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