Implementing Process Safety Management To Prevent Major Incidents

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Centre for Chemical Process Safety

- Division of the AIChE
- Formed in 1985 following Bhopal
- Published Guidelines for the Technical Management of Chemical Process Safety
- 12 Elements with 68 Components
- Comprehensive treatment of the subject
- Basis for CCPA/MIACC/CSChE PSM Guide
CSChE PSM Subject Division

- CSChE is the lead organization in Canada
- Has consolidated the expertise into a cohesive committee
- Provides tools and resources for Canadian Industry
- Conducts a PSM Symposium as part of the Annual Conference (Calgary, Oct 2004)
- Conducts Professional Development in selected PSM topics
PSM HELP ON SITE NOW

(A summary of the contents accessed through the above menu)

Site Self-assessment Tool
Developed by a team of experts for the Major Industrial Accidents Council of Canada, this questionnaire tests for knowledge and use of the important techniques for preventing process-related incidents. Sites can grade themselves as excellent, enhanced, essential or ‘not quite there yet.’ Essential is the minimum level recommended for hazardous operations, and be warned – it’s not that easy!

Getting a quick handle on what you need to do

Process Safety Management Guide
This 30-page guide gives an overview of process safety management, and is available free in Adobe format, or as a handy printed booklet for only Cdn$20.00.

Key tools and how to use them
Here’s a summary of the publications you’re most likely to need, with explanation of what each does and when to use it.

Where to get more help
Here’s how to access many of the resources that are out there to help you with process safety management.
CSChE PSM Division Tools

• Process Safety Management Guide
  – Guidance in setting up the program

• PSM Self-Assessment Questionnaire
  – Leading indicator based on evaluating the program

• Process-Related Incident Measure (PRIM)
  – Lagging indicator based on incidents
PSM Elements

1. Accountability: Objectives and Goals
2. Process Knowledge and Documentation
3. Capital Project Review and Design Procedures
4. Process Risk Management
5. Management of Change
6. Process and Equipment Integrity
7. Human Factors
8. Training and Performance
9. Incident Investigation
10. Company Standards, Codes, and Regulations
11. Audits and Corrective Actions
12. Enhancement of Process Safety Knowledge
Site Self-assessment Tool
Completing the PSM Questionnaire – NOVA Chemicals’ Experience

• One questionnaire for each operating unit/plant
• Completed by a team of Operations, Maintenance, Technical, and Process Safety
• Consensus achieved for each question
• Provides a snapshot of PSM systems
• Can be used to assess the situation on a single site, as well as in a Company, and even the industry or all industries
Division Analysis by Site
Essential Level
Company Analysis by Element
Excellent Level

Score

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17

Question
PSM Performance: PRIM 2001

• Analysis conducted by:
  – Lyle Lalonge (Imperial Oil, team leader)
  – Rob Cairns (Bayer)
  – Steve Coe (Dow)
  – Assisted by Luc Piché (Interquisa)

• Reports received for 190 sites in 2001
• Analysis also completed for 2002
## Incident Summary

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Conclusions for PRIM 2001

- Primary cause due to:
  - Process & equipment integrity (42%)
  - Process knowledge & documentation (21%)
  - Human factors (11%)
  - Capital project review and design procedures (9%)

- More incidents likely due to better reporting

- Too many lacking enough detail for analysis

- Asked for more detail for analysis in 2002
PRIM 98/99 To 2001 - Element 2 (Process Knowledge & Documentation)

- 2.1 Chemical & Occupational Health Hazards
- 2.2 Process Definition & Design Criteria
- 2.3 Process & Equipment Design
- 2.4 Protective Systems
- 2.5 Operating Procedures
- 2.6 Process Risk Management Decisions
- 2.7 Company Memory (Management of Information)

% of Incidents Attributed to Element 2

- 98/99
- 2000
- 2001

PSM Element 2 - Sub-elements
6.1 Reliability Engineering
6.2 Materials of Construction
6.3 Fabrication and Inspection Procedures
6.4 Installation Procedures
6.5 Preventative Maintenance
6.6 Process / Hardware Systems Inspection
6.7 Maint. Procedures (includes Permit to Work)
6.8 Alarm & Instrument management
6.9 Decommissioning & Demolition Procedures

PSM Element 6 - Sub-Elements

PRIM 98/99 To 2001- Element 6 (Process & Equipment Integrity)
Recurring Causes of Recent Chemical Accidents
(EPA/OSHA paper)

1. Inadequate hazard review or process hazards analysis
2. Installation of pollution control equipment
3. Use of inappropriate or poorly designed equipment
4. Inadequate indications of process condition
5. Warnings went unheeded
Recurring Causes of Recent Chemical Accidents
(EPA/OSHA paper)

• Training and operator error not listed as

  “It is rarely the action or inaction of a single operator that is the sole or even primary cause of an accident”

• Operator error is normally the Least Probable Cause
Recurring Causes of Recent Chemical Accidents
(EPA/OSHA paper)

Numerous barriers must fail before operator action can cause an accident:

1. Design for minimum hazard
2. Install safety devices
3. Use safety warnings
4. Control with procedures/administrative controls
5. Personnel action by training, awareness, knowledge
6. Accepted the risk
E2 Plan Prevention Content

• A program must be in place to focus on prevention
• PSM meets the requirements, but does not need to be a stand-alone program
• Includes design, operation, maintenance, and other management systems
• Requires some degree of risk assessment and should address worse probable and other scenarios
• Should include both leading and lagging indicators
• Should focus on reducing frequency and severity through continuous improvement
Questions??