

RISK-BASED PROCESS SAFETY

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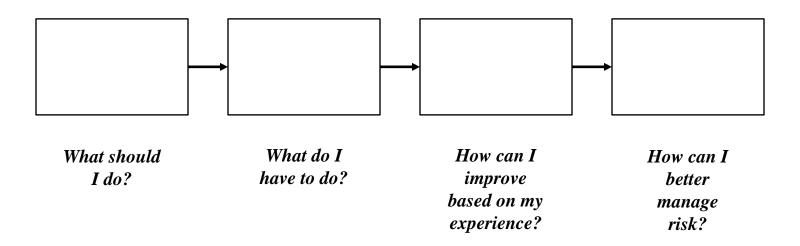
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 Risk-Based Process Safety – B. Karthikeyan, founding Director of Prism Consultants - Chemical Engineering Progress, March 2

Background of Risk-Based Process Safety (RBPS) Approach



- Several strategic approaches to chemical process safety have been developed over the years, for chemical accident and loss prevention
- This evolution of process safety and accident/loss prevention strategies can be illustrated as follows:



Background of Risk-Based Process Safety (RBPS) Approach



- Understanding the risk associated with an activity requires answering the following questions:
 - What can go wrong?
 - 2. How bad can it be?
 - 3. How often might it happen?
- Based upon the level of understanding of the answers, a company can decide what actions, if any, are required to eliminate, reduce or control existing risk
- ...which brings us to the main objective of the Risk-based Process Safety (RBPS) approach...

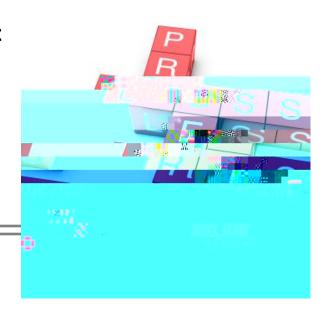
RBPS Design and Improvement Criteria

- The main objective of the RBPS approach is to help an organization build and operate a more effective process safety management system
- These Guidelines describe how to design or improve each process safety activity so that the energy put into that activity is appropriate to meet the anticipated needs for that activity
- The RBPS strategic approach is founded on the principle that appropriate levels of detail and rigor in process safety practices are predicated on three factors:
 - A sufficient understanding of the risk(s) associated with the processes
 - The level of demand for process safety work activity compared to available resources
 - 3. The existing process safety culture





- I. Commit to process safety
 - 1. Process safety culture
 - 2. Compliance with standards
 - 3. Process safety competency
 - 4. Workforce involvement
 - 5. Stakeholder outreach
- II. Understanding Hazards and Risks
 - 6. Process knowledge management
 - 7. Hazard identification and risk management
- III. Manage Risk
 - 8. Operating procedures
 - 9. Safe work practices
 - 10. Asset integrity and reliability







Pillars (Foundational Blocks)

- Commit to Process Safety
 - 1. The cornerstone of process safety excellence, management commitment has no substitute
 - 2. Organizations generally do not improve without strong leadership and solid commitment
 - 3. The entire organization must make the same commitment and it must become embedded in the corporate culture
- Understanding Hazards and Risks
 - 1. Organizations that understand hazards and risks are better able to allocate limited resources in the most effective manner
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Pillars (Foundational Blocks)

- Learn from Experience
 - This involves monitoring and acting on, internal and external sources of information
 - 2. The most cost-effective ways to learn from experience are to:

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- The development of metrics can provide timely feedback on how the RBPS systems are performing
- 4. Periodic management reviews help sustain existing performance and drive improvement



Pillars (Foundational Blocks)

- Focus on these foundational blocks enables organizations to
 - improve process safety effectiveness,
 - reduce the frequency and severity of incidents
 - improve long-term safety, environmental and business performance
- A risk-based approach also helps avoid gaps, inconsistencies and excess work, insufficient work and rework that can lead to system failure
- To work most effectively, RBPS practices should be integrated with other management systems, such as those for product quality, human and equipment re nq t- ctiyyyyyy



Commit to Process Safety (Pillar 1):

1. Process Safety Culture

2. Compliance with Standards

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3. Process Safety Competency

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4. Work-force Involvement

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5. Stakeholders Outreach

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- Understand Hazards and Risks (Pillar 2):
 - 1. Process Knowledge Management
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- Manage Risk (Pillar 3):
 - 1. Operating Procedures
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- Manage Risk (Pillar 3) continued:
 - **5.** Training and Performance Assurance
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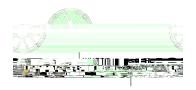


- Manage Risk (Pillar 3) continued:
 - 9. Emergency Management
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 - 1. Planning for possible emergencies

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Epilogue: Ototoxicants and Hearing Impairment



- OSHA and NIOSH released a joint safety and health bulletin in 2018 to raise awareness of ototoxicants
- While there are no compulsory regulations targeted toward ototoxicants, OSHA has recognized the risk associated with combined exposures

