





#### Excercise

 My senior leaders are actively looking for weak signals and in my organization 'bad news' travels fast.

#### **EPSC Workgroup problem statement**

There are always early warning signs that if operational leaders had recognised them, made the connections, and taken action, a major accident could have been avoided.



#### Exercise

 Senior leaders are unable (or do not) make the connection between the decisions they take and Process Safety risks.

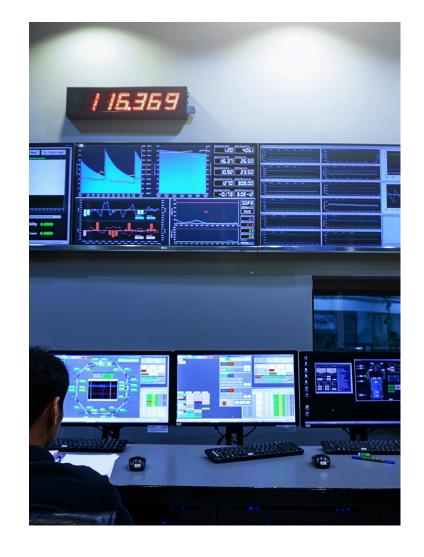
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The increase in risk from these decisions is not easily assessed using traditional risk analysis techniques or auditing processes. The effects of these decisions accumulate in the organisation to a point where the likelihood of Process Safety event far exceeds the collective understanding of leaders and they are surprised when an adverse event occurs.



## Objective for today

- Create awareness of the importance of senior sponsor ship
- Reflect on health of process safety leadership in your job
- Subscribe to a follow-up Webinar together with your senior leadership





# **EPCS Workgroup**



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## What are the Issues the workgroup experienced

- High level leaders lack technical background (boards are economics & Bizz & legal driven)
- Likelihood of high consequences events are generally under-estimated
- Short time focus of managers (shift end BUL on there watch) better long term approach (programs, budget etc)
- Chemical companies get bought by financial organizations (hedge funds)
- Lack of strong feedback to individual leaders when they spend insufficient on PS
- Senior management is far away from operation floor and gets rolled-up information
- KPI color management challenge the green, embrace the red (no fear culture)
- Lack of development of leaders with personal drive for process safety
- Lack experience real scenario training modules
- Target conflict between Safety & Business high level PS support, long term budget
- High level management commitment is essential



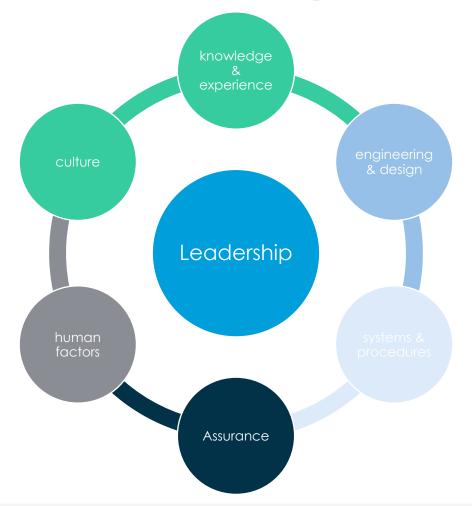
## Why is that important?

Many incidents I describe in plants had such systems, but the systems where not always followed. These Accidents happened because of management failures

Trevor Klets



## How do you focus on leadership?



Ichem process safety model



### High PS performance in a VUCA world

#### **High Performance Leadership**

- » Focus creating a shared ambition level
- » Rhythm Establishing clear but not too narrow boundary conditions
- » Discipline clear expectation management and in operational execution
- » Craftsmanship adequate mix of (technical) competencies
- » Visible managing risks knowing your risk and asking questions
- » **Sustainable value creation** entrepreneurial long term results

#### **VUCA Systems thinking**

Complexity	Volatility
Multiple key decision factors	Rate of change
Ambiguity	Uncertainty
Lack of Clarity about meaning of event	Unclear about the present







### Next steps

- If development of **safety leadership** is your priority:
  - Join the webinar to compare with your peers
  - Bring at least senior process safety sponsor to experience what it feels like to be in the hotseat when a is about to get hazardous business is out of control





Energy follows awareness. What's your focus as a Senior Safety Leader?

How do you react as a leader in process safety events? Especially in a stressful situation like high severity safety events? Create the opportunity to reflect on your behavior in a simulation of a real-life situation with a systems perspective.

Suitable prepared actual cases include:

Texas City Refinery incident (Corporate vs Site / Cost vs Safety)



Challenger accident (NASA vs Morton / Time vs Safety)



Air France Flight 447 (What went wrong vs Liability)





Senior Leaders of safety Critical Organizations influencing

hazardous operations

Time:

½ day Face to face role play workshop

Safety Leadership is a must have in companies that deal with hazardous chemical processes

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# Thank you for your attention



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