Barrier Management over the Lifecycle

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Longford, Australia gas explosion of 1998

Trouble brewing

"prior to any disaster there will always be information somewhere within an organisation that trouble is brewing"

"critical information must not be allowed to lie around unrecognised, ignored or buried like some landmine waiting to be triggered."¹

Professor Andrew Hopkins



Fairfaxmedia/THE AGE/ RAY KENNEDY. - <u>https://www.icheme.org/knowledge-networks/safety-</u> centre/news/the-long-view-on-longford/



¹ Lessons from Longford: The Esso Gas Plant Explosion, Hopkins, 2000

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- So what do we need to know?
 - \circ Risk identification and assessment
 - \circ Bowties
- How are we managing risk?
 - \circ Confidence in the barriers now
 - \circ Confidence into the future



Understanding and communicating barrier health and responsible parties



So what do we need to know?

1. What could cause us harm?

- What are our major hazards that could lead to a potential incident?

2. What will protect us?

- What are the critical barriers (safeguards) we rely upon to control these risks?

3. How do we know?

- Are we confident the barriers will function as designed when required?
- What is the minimum level of performance required?
- Are these critical barriers available and effective throughout the life of our asset?



Risk identification and assessment process





Bowtie structure





Bowtie example





How controls are made effective in bowties



How this looks on a bowtie

- Safety and Environmental Critical Elements (SECE)
 - Hardware barriers
 - Managed by Performance Standards (which define inspection, testing, maintenance requirements)







- HSE Critical Tasks / Activities
 - Human barriers
 - Group or set of tasks/actions necessary for the development, implementation, operation or maintenance of a barrier

Bowtie Barriers Example





Bowtie Barriers Example







SECEs & bowties







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How can we communicate this?

- A Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is a measure / evaluate trends or success at reaching specific defined targets
- Can be described as 'Leading Indicators' or 'Lagging Indicators'





KPI dashboard





HSE Critical Activities and bowties



Personnel who undertake SCE performance assurance activities are in safety-critical roles, as well as those who carry out "human intervention actions"



Who's responsible & what must they do?



Link between bowties and training & competence



HSE Critical Tasks

By taking each HSE Critical Task in turn, we can group them by Job Role









HSE Critical Tasks by Job Role

Asset Manager

- 1. Ensure competency of personnel hired for HSE Critical Positions
- 2. Manage HSE MS Interface/Bridging Documentation
- 4. Ensure appropriate Emergency Response Plan in place
- 5. Approve override of safety features on any equipment.
- 6.....

Operations Manager

- 1. Ensure ongoing competency of personnel in HSE Critical Positions
- 2. Schedule housekeeping audits
- 4. Implement and manage PTW system
- 5. Implement and maintain ERP and implement training and emergency response drills
- 6.....

Shift Supervisor

- 1. Conduct appropriate supervision of personnel
- 2. Monitor process conditions
- 3. Respond to alarms in accordance with alarm management guidelines
- 4. Maintain headcount inventory for personnel on site
- 5. Update permit register
- 6.....

Laundry Attendant

 1. Remove fluff from the tumble dryers



The Laundry Attendant example

Laundry Attendant Responsibilities:

- Sort, wash, dry, press, and fold clothing and other textile items
- Remove stains from items using the appropriate procedures
- Perform minor sewing duties
- Track which items belong to whom
- Keep an updated inventory of laundry detergents and sewing kits
- Remove fluff from the tumble dryers
- Ensuring that the facility remains clean at all times
- Respond to user queries, concerns, and complaints





How can we communicate the HSE Critical Tasks

- Job descriptions which clearly identify HSE Critical Tasks
- Presentations
- Posters
- Information available on intranet

















Conclusion

- The barrier management approach using bowties defines:
 - o SECEs
 - HSE Critical Activities
- These are managed through MMS and Competency Management System
- Further communication and management is beneficial:
 - KPI dashboards
 - Critical roles booklets
 - Software showing barrier status
- This wholistic approach enables risks to be better understood and hence proactively managed, not only today but through-life





Thank you

Have a safe and secure day!

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