

Newsletter – February 2019

About the Forum

The Process Safety Forum (PSF) was set-up to provide a platform whereby initiatives, best practice, lessons from incidents and process safety strategy can be distilled and shared across sectors; to influence our stakeholders (including the Regulator); and to drive the process safety management performance agenda.

Recent Activities and News

- PSF Forward Plan**
 PSF regularly reviews the way in which it works and how it can become better at sharing knowledge and experience. We are now investigating how we can raise the profile of what we do, and ensure consistency in the reports, safety alerts and learning briefs that are published. Most importantly there is a need to ensure simple consistent and accessible terminology is used when sharing between different sectors. To this end the PSF is developing an operational guide to help us work toward these goals.
- Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF)**
 Guidance on demonstrating Prior Use for safety instrumented systems is nearing completion and should be published by the summer of 2019. The next CDOIF meeting scheduled for March will discuss the merits of further guidance development in the areas of Cyber Security and risk assessment techniques.
- Bristol University – Major Accidents Review**
 University of Bristol ‘Policy Bristol’ paper “Minimising the Risks of Major Industrial Accidents” provides valuable research on identifying and addressing vulnerabilities. Click [here](#) to download a copy.

What’s next for the PSF?

PSF will continue to develop its Forward Plan that will shape the priority targets for our work in 2019; and we will also be reviewing the existing website for improvements.

A Learning Brief on the use and value of Bow Tie diagrams is under development.

Safety Messages

Responsible Care

- Responsible Care is the global chemical industry’s commitment to continuous improvement in safety, process safety, health, environment and security performance and under which all these topic areas are managed. Responsible Care also addresses the industry’s Leadership, Product Stewardship and sustainability programmes and commitments. More information [here](#).
- Managing contractors engaged to carry out tasks on a duty holder’s site continues to be an area of focus. As reminder, CDOIF has produced useful guidance on the management of 3rd party contractors engaged to manage ageing plant. Click [here](#) to download a copy.

Safety Incidents

- Following a report of sites impacted by fires adjacent to their premises, consideration should be given to these risks where they could pose a risk within the site boundary.
- An incident arose during a cement delivery, caused by back-pressure which built up at the filter housing on top of a cement silo, causing large heavy metalwork to be blown off and fall to the ground – fortunately not resulting in serious injury or death.

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