

Newsletter – October 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

- **Grenfell Incident Review**

PSF has now completed its review of the *Building a Safer Future - Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Final Report*. As part of this review PSF members have assessed each of the recommendations and identified the following actions:

Raise awareness of the need to ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly defined for third party contractors.

Raise awareness of the importance of Management of Change, particularly in relation to product selection, records availability and records completion.

Raise awareness of the need for business to carry out a deep review of safety alerts and learnings to identify weaker signals and potential causal factors.

- **PSF Forward Plan**

Building on the actions identified following the Grenfell review, PSF is developing a forward plan for 2020 which includes:

Review of the 2nd Phase Grenfell Report

Control of Contractors Theme

Management of Change Theme

Monitor other sources of incidents for learning/review

What's next for the PSF?

PSF is currently reviewing and simplifying its website, to ensure that content is easily accessible. We are also implementing our new operational guidance to ensure any content produced is clear, concise and relevant to the wider Major Hazard sectors.

Safety Messages

Hydrogen Sulphide exposure

PSF has recently issued a safety alert on the dangers of Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) exposure.

Anyone at risk needs knowledge of H₂S, its initial 'rotten eggs' smell, and awareness that when it reaches a high concentration, and at its most dangerous, there is no odour.

If H₂S is present, or suspected to be present, proper controls are essential to minimise exposure. These include H₂S monitors and personal protective equipment, including respiratory protective equipment.

For more information see PSF Safety Alert 14 [here](#).

PES Refinery Explosion

- The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has released a factual update and animation detailing the events of the explosion and fire at the PES refinery in Philadelphia, PA. Click [here](#) for more information.

Fire Safety Training

- Navigator Terminals have released a video on fire training recently completed at Teesside Airport. Click [here](#) for more information.

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