

Newsletter – June 2020

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

- **COVID-19**

COVID-19 has dominated the work of businesses and trade associations in the past few months. At its June meeting, PSF took the opportunity to listen to the approaches taken by the different represented sectors, sharing the knowledge and best practice which has been accumulated since March 2020. Key messages:

Most sectors have continued operating through COVID-19, as 'critical work' sectors – though with reduced site manning levels.

Trade associations have used various techniques to continue disseminating information to members including webinar, newsletters, regular video conferencing and good practice development.

Current focus areas are to ensure the safety of workers returning to work, assessing the implementation of the test, track and trace process and the UK's quarantine requirements for travelers.

To share guidance and useful links a COVID-19 page has been created on the PSF website [here](#).

- **PSF Forward Plan**

PSF has identified 2 key areas on our 2020 forward plan to review and share, these are Control of Contractors and Management of Change.

The COVID-19 response has delayed the start of these activities, but we are now seeking to develop terms of reference for the two working groups and to begin the work.

What's next for the PSF?

We will continue to share relevant information and guidance relating to the COVID-19 response and establish working groups to look at the two areas highlighted above.

Safety Messages

European Commission eMars Database

- The European Union Major Accident Reporting System (eMars) provides information and reports of chemical accidents and near misses provided to the Major Accident Hazards Bureau (MAHB) of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) from EU, EEA, OECD, and UNECE countries.

More recently the database has featured accidents and near misses during process plant start-up following periods of inactivity, this may be particularly relevant in the current COVID-19 situation.

More information [here](#).

BP Texas City 15th Anniversary

- The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has released an updated BP Texas City Animation on the 15th Anniversary of the Explosion. Click [here](#) for more information.

HSE Chevron Pembroke Amine regeneration unit explosion report

- The Health and Safety Executive has released its report on the Chevron Pembroke Amine regeneration unit explosion on the 2nd June 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.

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