

Newsletter – December 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

- **ONR Enabling Regulation**

The Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) discussed the concept of enabling regulation with the PSF. A new guide aimed at showing how the regulator can work with duty holders to improve safety and security activity in the nuclear industry has been published by ONR.

For more information click [here](#).

- **Human Factors Critical Task Analysis**

Ian Travers presented to the PSF a methodology for identifying and reviewing safety critical tasks using a bow-tie methodology.

For more information click [here](#).

- **CDOIF Completes New Guidance**

The Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF) has recently completed two new pieces of guidance:

- Cyber Security for Senior Managers
- Prior Use for Non-Programmable Devices for IEC 61511-1:2016 + A1:2017

The guidance will be published in early 2021 on the CDOIF website [here](#).

What's next for the PSF?

We are currently preparing our end of year report for 2020 and our forward plan for 2021. Following the disruption of the pandemic in 2020, we hope to resume work in the key areas of Management of Change and Managing Contractors.

Safety Messages

Avonmouth Explosion

On the 3rd December 2020, a blast at a water recycling killed 4 people. Investigations are ongoing and any outcomes or learnings will be shared through the PSF

More information [here](#).

New COVID-19 Restrictions

- On the 6th January 2021, England began a new COVID-19 Lockdown. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have also imposed more stringent restrictions.

For the latest information and advice on working safely refer to the HSE website [here](#).

PSF Knowledge Exchange

- The Process Safety Forum seeks to share knowledge on key topics through its Knowledge Exchange publications, which are available [here](#).
- PSF members are reminded and encouraged to think about good practice in their own sectors which may be valuable to others. Our [Operational Guidance](#) discusses how this information can be shared.

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