

Newsletter – March 2022

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

- **Fatigue Management**
The PSF continue to share best practice and knowledge on fatigue management. The UK Health and Safety Executive provides extensive guidance on this subject [here](#).
- **Energy Transition**
The Energy Transition remains one of the most significant challenges that faces many businesses. This has been exacerbated by the current crisis in the Ukraine, and the increasing costs of energy. PSF continue to share knowledge from different sectors on their plans and strategies for addressing these challenges – and sharing the opportunities these may create.
- **Covid-19**
With many countries now recognising Covid-19 as endemic rather than pandemic, businesses and their employees are returning to more normal working practices. This can mean that social and mental health impacts become more prevalent, especially considering other significant crises such as rising energy and food costs and the conflict in the Ukraine. Businesses should be prepared to identify early signs of mental health concerns in the workforces and provide the necessary support. There are many resources available to help including from the [UK HSE](#), [NHS](#) and various Mental Health Charities.

What's next for the PSF?

We are collecting information from members on *Fatigue Management*, and we will publish a knowledge exchange in Q1 2022 which will highlight best practice in this area and signpost to further information.

The PSF has been asked by the Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF) to produce a Knowledge Exchange on Proof Test coverage and how this can be demonstrated and justified. We hope to publish this later in 2022.

Safety Messages

Ukraine Crisis

The Ukraine crisis has highlighted the need for businesses to be extra vigilant with regards to Cyber Security.

Two useful resources are provided below:

UK National Cyber Security Centre [here](#).

CDOIF Guidance on Cyber Security for Senior Managers [here](#).

PSF Annual Review

The Process Safety Forum has completed its Annual Review for 2021 and prepared its forward Plan for 2022. We have shared these with the UK Health and Safety Executive, and we look forward to working with them through the COMAH Strategic Forum to address the challenges and opportunities high hazard businesses face.

Confined Space Entry

Pragmatism should be observed when considering what is a confined space. The UK Health and Safety Executive has published an Approved Code of Practice in this area which is available [here](#).

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