

Newsletter – October 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

- **HSE Net Zero Strategy**

The HSE, as with many other organisations is looking to the future and the challenges posed by attaining Net Zero in carbon emissions by 2050. The HSE has established a Net Zero Hub to address these challenges, which includes links to industry and relevant Government departments.

The PSF will work with the HSE to determine:

- how to engage new and emerging operators in the high hazard sector
 - emerging risks and any new standards and guidance required, seeking alignment with regulators
 - how to be active in engagement with the public
 - how to ensure skills and competence in the high hazard sector
- **Climate Change Adaption**
The environmental agencies are encouraging business to ensure that they review the impacts of climate change and the effect that this may have on their business. The Environment Agency has challenged industry to identify relevant codes and practices which help to carry out this assessment and provide incident data which can demonstrate the impacts of climate change.

What's next for the PSF?

Following discussions at the June PSF meeting, we will:

develop new Learning Briefs on a recent flash fire incident caused by a failure of Management of Change.

develop a Knowledge Exchange to highlight what businesses can do to assist employees and contractors working in hot temperatures.

Safety Messages

Road tanker maintenance

A recent incident involving road tanker man lids not secured after vehicle maintenance has highlighted the need to ensure third party maintenance (such as that carried out at vehicle workshops) is completed correctly and final checks carried out.

Working in hot temperatures

The UK and other countries recently experienced extreme high temperatures. Businesses should consider the health and well being of their staff and contractors, and investigate techniques such as variable shift patterns, extended breaks, PPE design and the provision of shaded areas and water stations.

Learning lessons from leadership interventions

The COMAH Strategic Forum has recently published a new report on *Learning Lessons from Leadership Interventions*. The report highlights common themes and shared learning following recent leadership interventions – and is essential reading for all senior leaders and safety professionals. The report is available from the PSF website [here](#).

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