



Process Safety Forum

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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

- **Process Safety Performance Indicators**
Sector Process Safety Performance Indicator guidance continues to be shared within the forum. The nuclear industry has recently published its guide on the development and use of safety performance indicators, which can be downloaded here:
http://www.nuclearinst.com/write/MediaUploads/SDF%20documents/SPI/SPI_Good_Practice_Guide_v2.pdf
- **CoMAH Strategic Forum**
The CoMAH Strategic Forum (CSF) provides a means for industry and the Competent Authority to hold strategic discussions on how they can work together to provide leadership and encourage continual improvement in Control of Major Accident Hazards across industry. A new CSF publication on *Managing Risks: the hazards that can destroy your business* will be published soon.
- **Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF)**
A new working group has been established to develop guidance on demonstrating compliance with IEC 61511 for installed safety instrumented systems, publication is due Q4 2016.
- **Ensuring the quality of maintenance activities**
How well do you ensure the quality of maintenance activities? The PSF has published a new learning brief here: <http://www.p-s-f.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/016-PSF-Learning-Brief-Quality-of-Maintenance.pdf>

What's next for the PSF?

Our next meeting will look at current Occupational Health and Safety topics – and how and if the PSF can respond to these.

Safety Messages

Recent Incidents

- Fuel storage tank explosion at the Owasso rock quarry, injuring three firefighters. The explosion occurred when workers were carrying out tank cleaning. More information here:
<http://www.firedirect.net/index.php/2015/10/fuel-storage-tank-explodes-3-firefighters-hurt/>
- The US Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has released full details of the DuPont LaPorte facility toxic chemical release in 2014. More information here:
<http://www.csb.gov/dupont-laporte-facility-toxic-chemical-release/>

How do you communicate safety messages?

- Board and management team meetings can include a fixed agenda item for safety messages.
- You can identify a specific safety topic for the day or week, using intranet, company email and meeting agendas to push the message to employees and contractors.
- See also the UKPIA process safety learning on communicating CoMAH risks to the workforce:

<http://www.ukpia.com/safety-skills-and-training/process-safety-learnings.aspx>

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