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Subject: RE: UKOPA Meeting - 10th/11th October

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Phil

Good to hear from you

1 Note 10.2 - Process safety indicators

The new guidance is HSG 254 'Developing process safety indicators', ISBN 978 0 7176 6180 0, available through HSE Books.

This guidance is aimed at senior managers and safety professionals within major hazard organisations that wish to develop performance indicators to give improved assurance that major hazard risks are under control.

It is presumed that companies using this guide already have appropriate safety management systems, so the emphasis is on checking whether their risk controls are effective and operating as intended. The guide draws on good practice in the UK chemical sector.

Too many organisations rely heavily on failure data to monitor performance, so improvements or changes are only determined after something has gone wrong. Discovering weaknesses in control systems by having a major incident is too late and too costly. Early warning of dangerous deterioration within critical systems provides an opportunity to avoid major incidents. Knowing that process risks are effectively controlled has a clear link with business efficiency, as several indicators can be used to show plant availability and optimised operating conditions.

While aimed mainly at major hazard organisations, the generic model for establishing a performance measurement system described in this guide will also apply to other enterprises requiring a high level of assurance that systems and procedures continue to operate as intended.

2 Note 10.2 - Human factors aspects of supervision and compliance with procedures

We hope to get Nick Dickety, a human factors specialist in the Gas & Pipelines Unit, to give a presentation on human factors issues and compliance with procedures. But I need to confirm with Nick when he is back from leave next week. I get back to you then.

Regards

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Steve,

I hope you are well.

A couple of points arising from the last meeting:

1. Note 10.2 –“Steve Chatfield noted that a number of safety reports had been published by HSE and this includes a new document on process safety indicators. He agreed to provide information on access to this document to Phill Jones”. I do not recall receiving any information on this – will you please advise
2. Note 10.2 – “. Steve Chatfield supported this proposal, stating that HSE has an audit criteria package which includes human factors and he would organise for this to be presented at such a meeting. Steve Wing supported the initiative also, stating that in many cases good basic training had been undertaken. The difficulty was maintaining the behaviour learnt during training through supervision and then on to procedures for the job”. Will you please confirm that the HSE will be giving a presentation and the details – title of presentation, name of presenter and time required.

Thanks and Regards,

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