

# Process Safety Management In the Refining Industry

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# Getting Started

- Safety Moment
- Introductions
- Agenda and logistics

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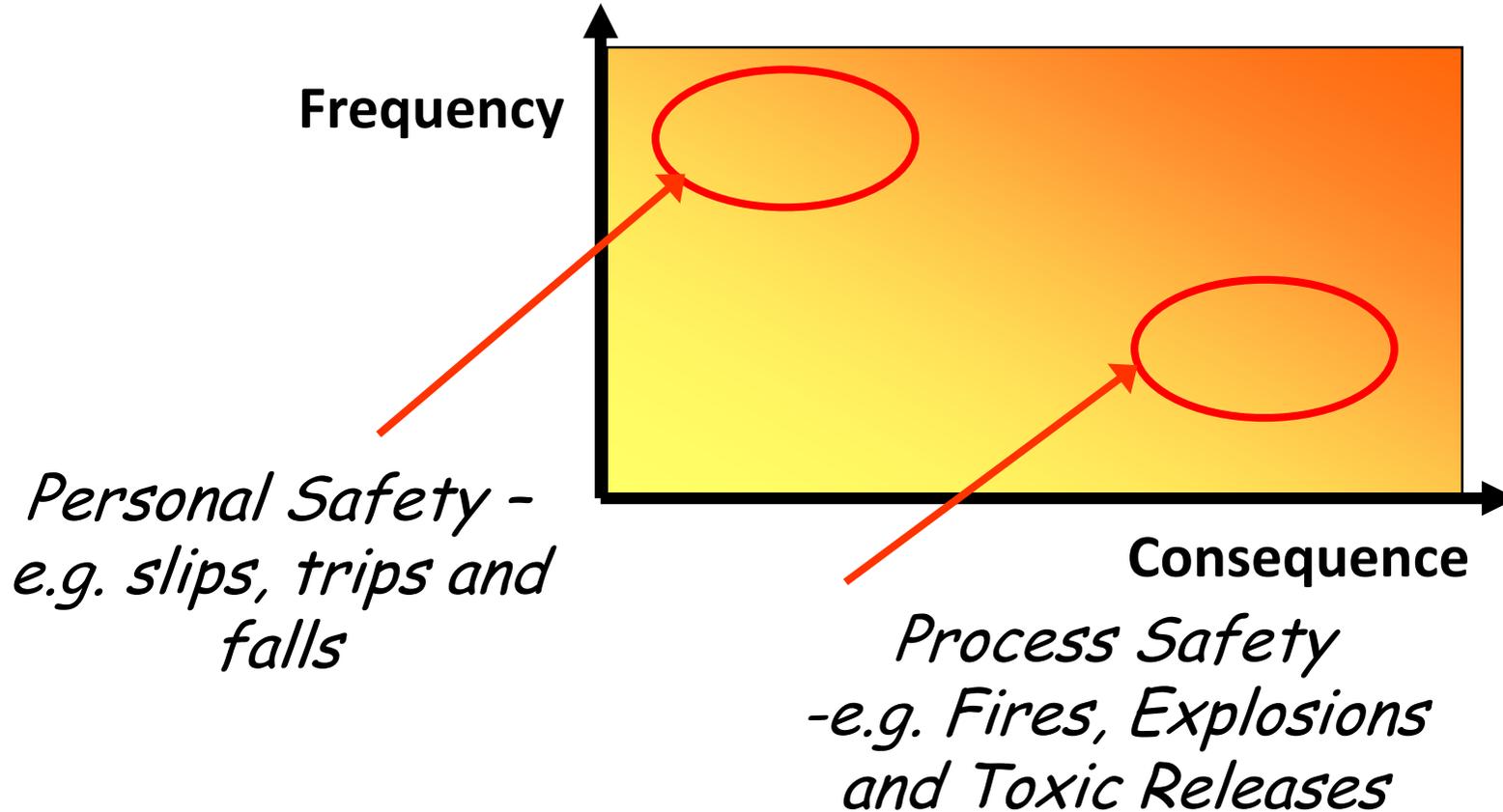
- 35+ years in process safety and risk assessment
- Visited 40+ offshore assets and 200+ onshore facilities
- Conducted 100s of PSM system design/implementations, audits, HAZID/HAZOP/LOPA/QRAs, incident investigations, best practice reviews, and safety culture evaluations – offshore and onshore
- ABS Group manager for the BP-Baker Panel PSM reviews
- 80+ articles and books on PSM and risk management
  - **Guidelines for Risk Based Process Safety**
  - **Implementing PSM, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 4Q2015**
  - **Guidelines for Management of Change**
  - Manager's Guide to Quantitative Risk Assessment
  - Resource Guide to the Process Safety Code of Management Practices
  - Guidelines for Hazard Evaluation Procedures, Second Edition
  - Risk Communication Guide, Chemical Educational Foundation
  - ProSmart - CCPS PSM Performance Metrics System
- Center for Offshore Safety audit and metrics committee member
- Recipient of Mary Kay O'Conner Process Safety Center Merit Award
- Center for Chemical Process Safety Fellow

# Discussion Outline

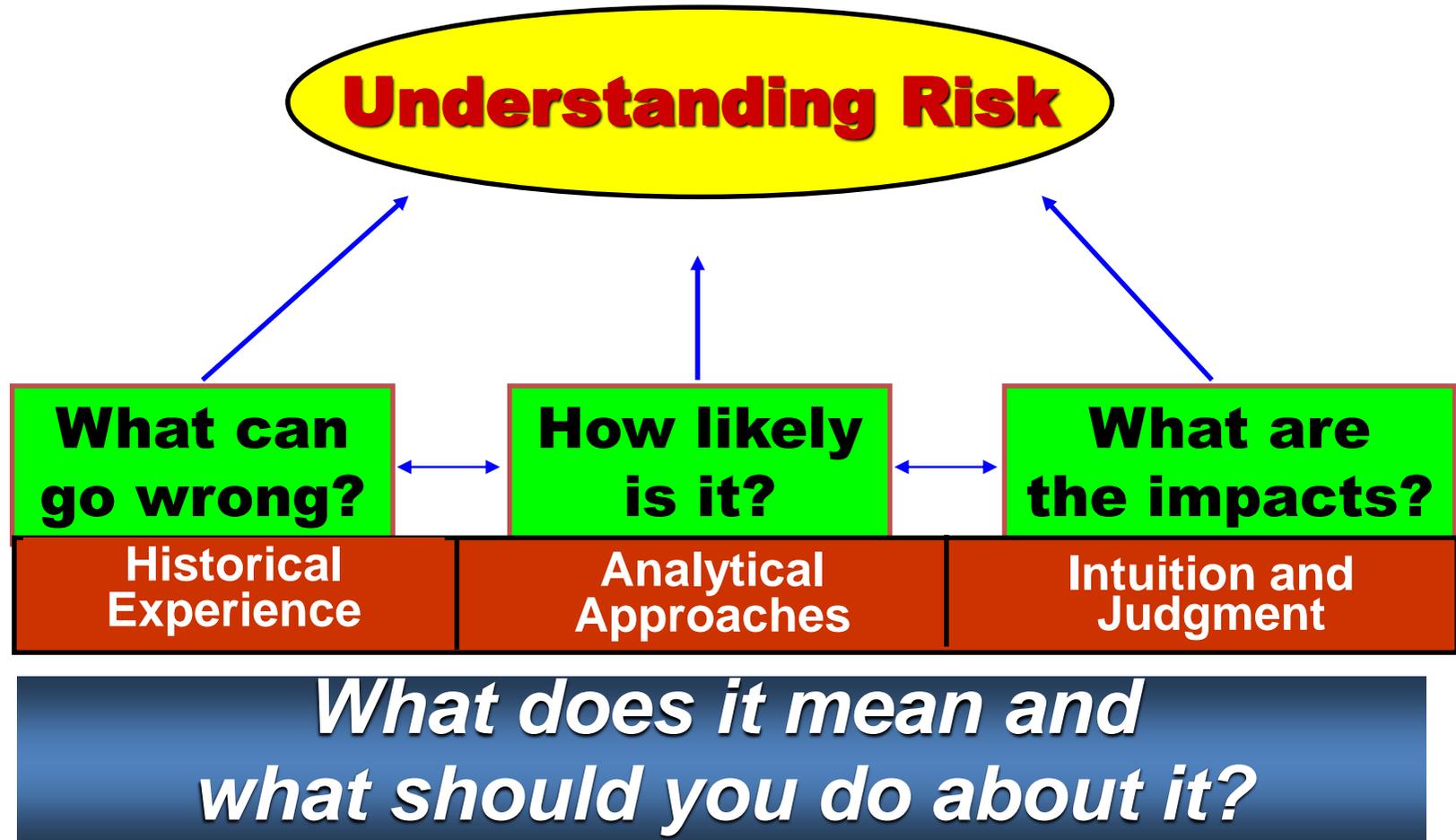
- Important process safety concepts
- Process safety management overview
  - Lessons learned from major accidents
  - Evolution of refinery industry practices
- Industry process safety performance improvement efforts
- Process safety regulatory update
- Keys for sustainable performance improvement

# **Important Process Safety Concepts**

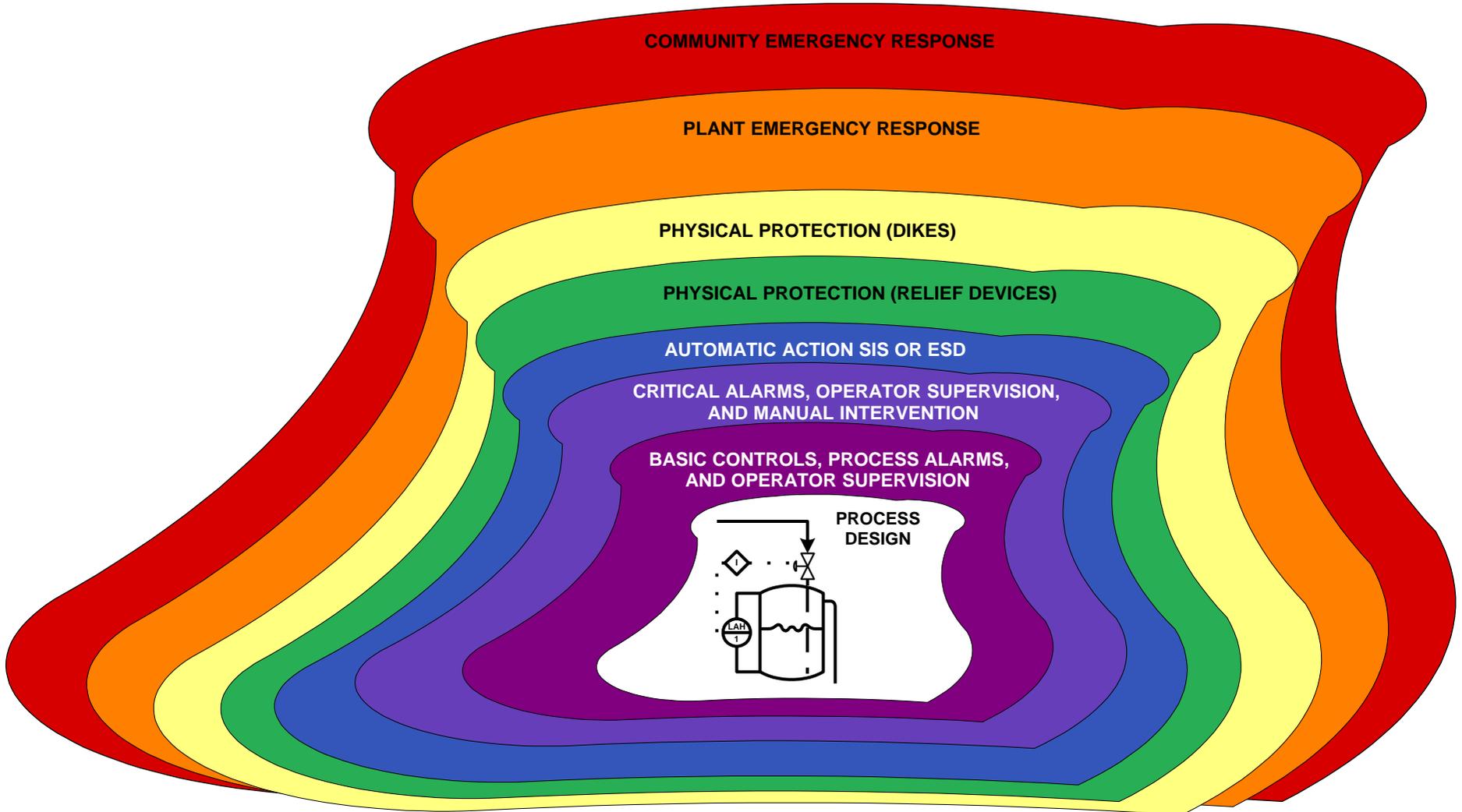
# Process Safety vs Occupational/Personal Safety



# Risk Assessment Concepts



# Layers of Defense Against a Possible Accident



# Inherently Safer Design Concepts

## Original IS Concepts

- Substitute - avoid using hazardous materials
- Minimize - use less hazardous materials
- Moderate - use less hazardous conditions
- Simplify – use less complex control strategies
- Be more fault/error tolerant
- Limit effects - choose safer locations

## Secondary IS Concepts

- Passive
- Active
- Administrative/procedural

# Swiss Cheese Model for Accident Causation

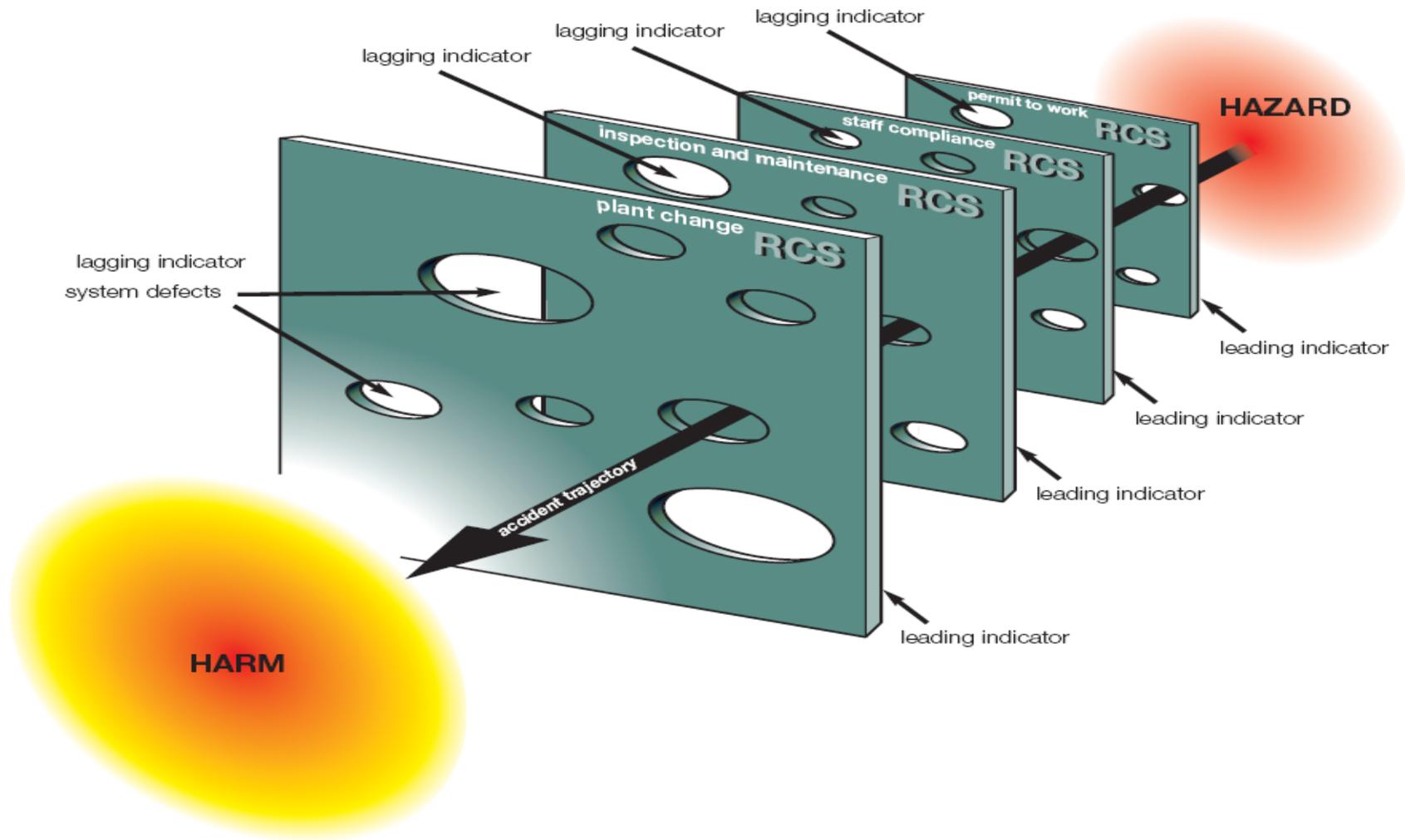
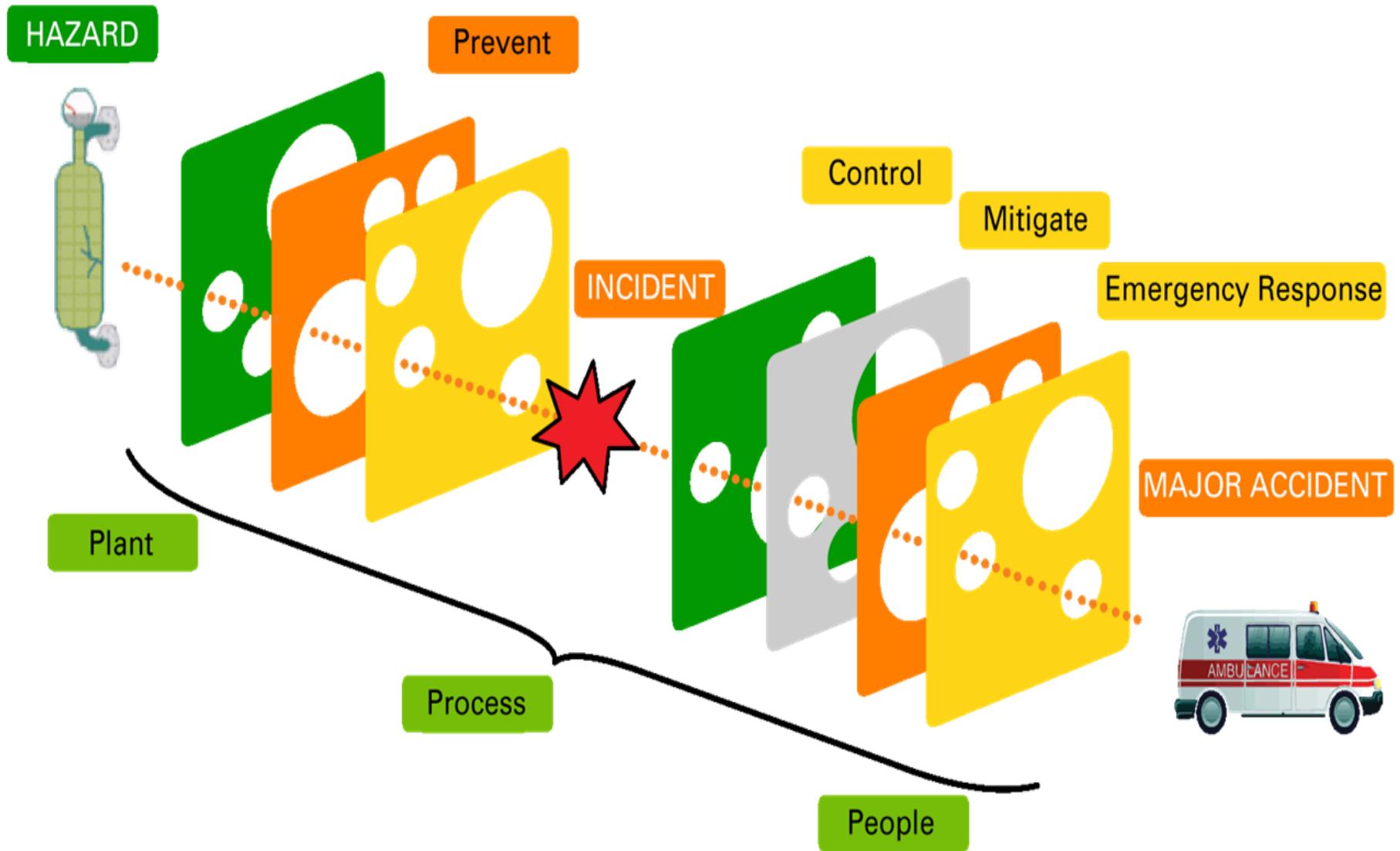


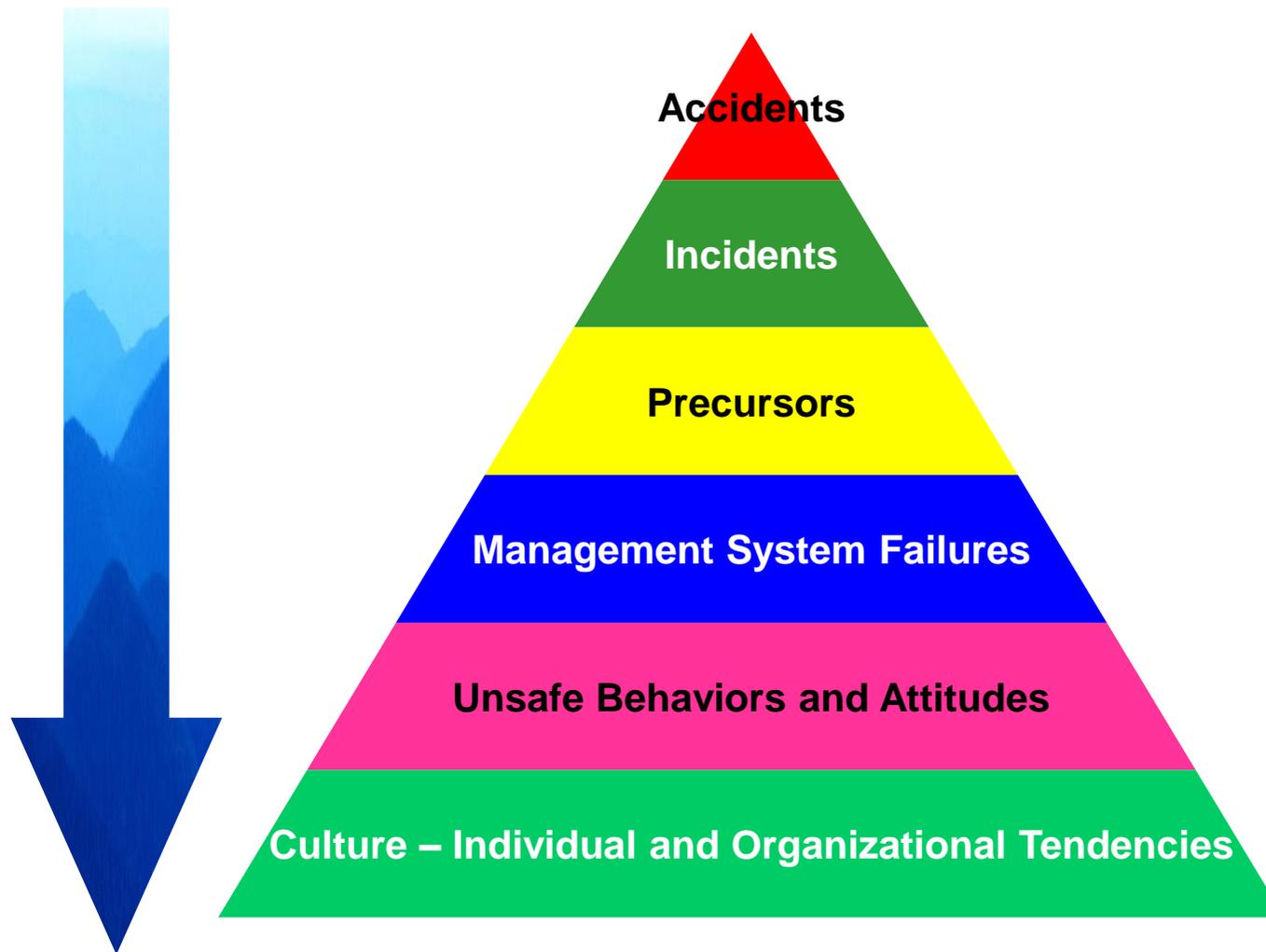
Figure 2 Leading and lagging indicators set to detect defects in important risk control systems

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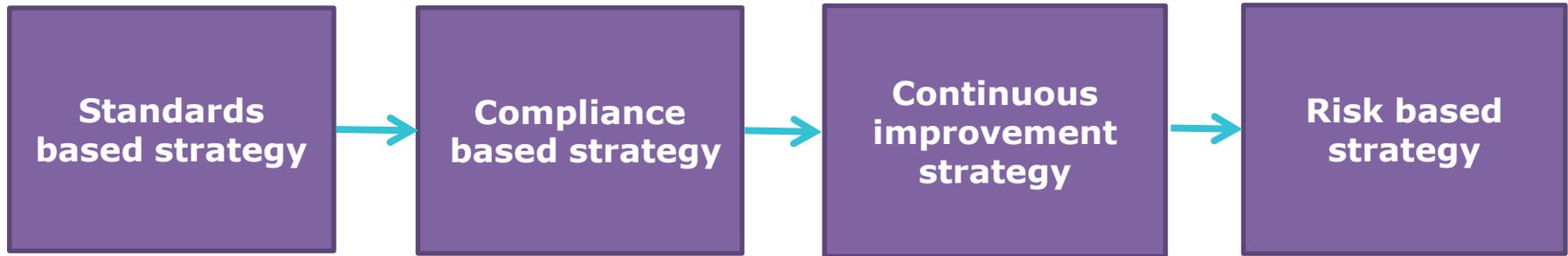
# Process Safety Barrier Model



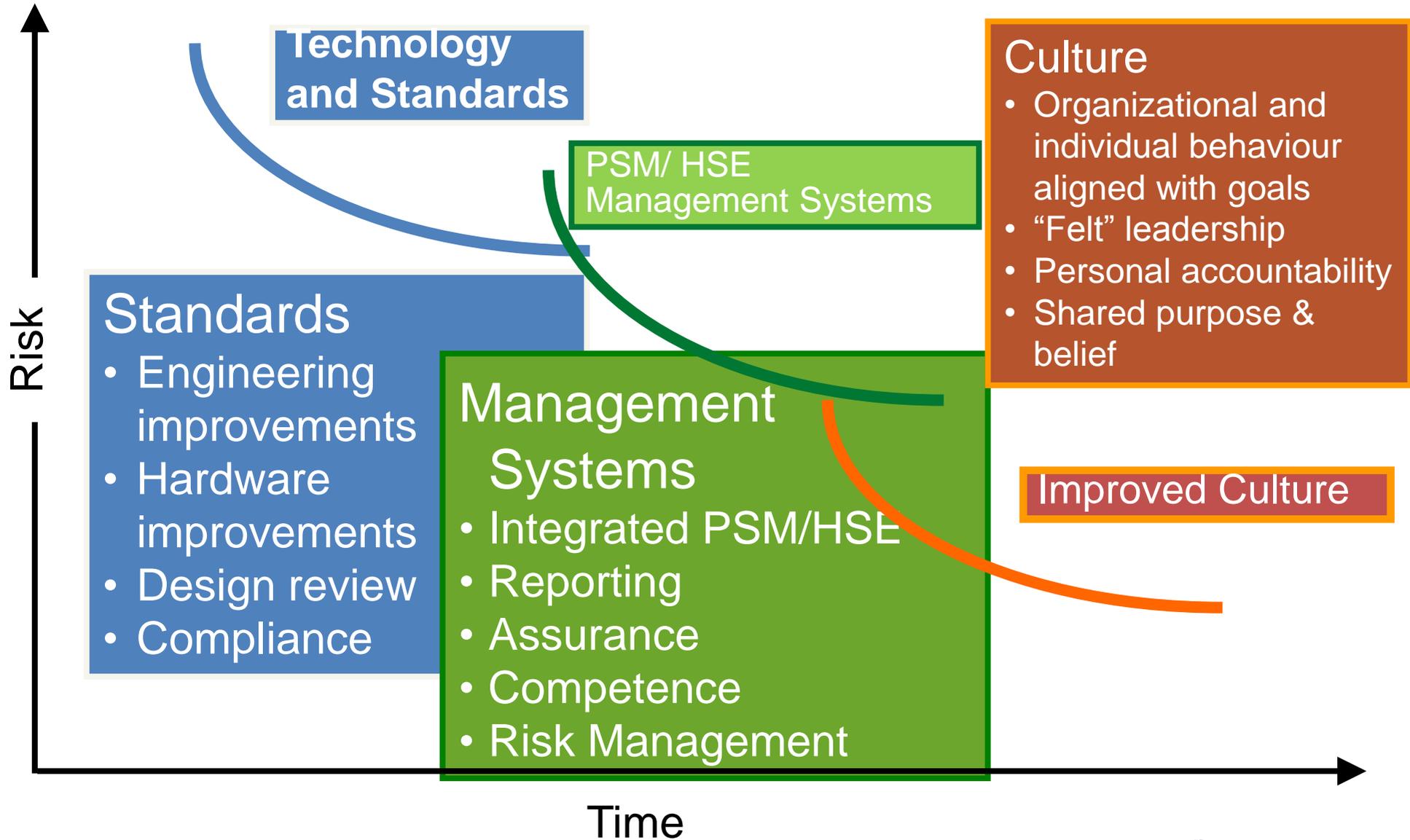
# “Learn Lower” on the Pyramid



# Strategies for Managing Process Safety



# Improvements in Process Safety/HSE



# A Management System Is...

- A formal, established set of activities explained in sufficient detail and designed to accomplish a specific goal by the intended users in a consistent fashion over a long time
- Management systems consider the following issues:
  - Purpose and scope
  - Personnel roles and responsibilities
  - Tasks and procedures
  - Necessary inputs and anticipated results
  - Personnel qualifications and training
  - Activity triggers, desired schedule, and deadlines
  - Resources and tools needed
  - Measurement, management review, and continuous improvement
  - Auditing

# ***The Business Case for Process Safety***

**New Industry  
Study Shows Four  
Benefits:**

- **Corporate Responsibility**
- **Business Flexibility**
- **Risk Reduction**
- **Sustained Value**



# **PSM Overview and Evolution of Industry Implementation Practices**

# PSM Brief History

- 1984 – Bhopal
- 1885 – CCPS formed, CCPA creates RC
- 1986 – CMA creates its RC program
- 1985-88 – OSHA does process safety special emphasis programs in response to accidents
- 1988 - OSHA attempts draft PS standard
- 1988 – ORC creates PSM suggestions
- 1989 – CCPS issues PSM framework
- 1990 – Phillips and ARCO accidents; OSHA spits out draft PSM standard
- 1990 – CMA creates PS Code of Management Practices
- 1992 – OSHA finalizes PSM standard
- 1993-onward – Several states/locals adopt rules
- 1993 Kanawha Valley WCS public meeting
- 1995-98 – Several reactive chemical accidents
- 1998 – EPA finalizes RMP rule

# PSM Brief History

- 1998-2000 – RMP facilities hold public meetings to roll out worst-case scenarios; initial RMP Plans
- 2001 – ACC creates RCMS and RC-14000
- 2005 – Texas City refinery explosion
- 2007 – BP-Baker Panel report
- 2007-2012 – Several industry initiatives address Baker Panel lessons
  - *CCPS Risk Based Process Safety Guidelines*
  - Facility siting of temporary structures – API RP 753 and 752 Rev 3
  - CCPS and API RP 754 Metrics
  - API RP 755 Fatigue management
- 2007-10 – OSHA Refining PSM NEP
- 2010 – Macondo-Deepwater Horizon
- 2010 – Significant industry incidents continue
- 2010 – Ongoing OSHA Chemical PSM NEP
- 2013 – EO 13650
- 2014 – Cal Refinery Safety report; DIR and CalARP draft rule changes
- 2014 – OSHA PSM RFI and EPA RMP RFI

# OSHA PSM Elements

1. Employee Participation
2. Process Safety Information
3. Process Hazard Analysis
4. Operating Procedures
5. Training
6. Contractors
7. Pre-startup Safety Review
8. Mechanical Integrity
9. Hot Work Permit
10. Management of Change
11. Incident Investigation
12. Emergency Planning and Response
13. Compliance Audits
14. Trade Secrets

# PSM Experience

- Most everyone says PSM has been valuable
- Certain industry events and compliance enforcement results have highlighted performance gaps and trends
- Industry process safety practices have evolved and many companies implement PSM in a fashion that goes well beyond minimum compliance
- Some companies still struggle with some aspects of PSM
- The following slides present the basics of PSM compliance requirements
- Discussion will address the range of industry practices

# PSM Compliance Scope

- PSM coverage is based upon the existence of a threshold quantity (TQ) of defined highly hazardous chemicals
  - Toxics
  - Reactives
  - Flammable liquids and gases
- TQs, definitions, exemptions, exclusions, etc. all designed to prevent or minimize the consequences of catastrophic releases of toxic, reactive, flammable, or explosive chemicals
- “Covered processes” must implement the 14 PSM elements
- PSM has been called a “performance-based” regulation – it is a blend a prescriptive and “more flexible” management system/work process-based requirements

# Employee Participation

- Develop a written employee participation plan
- Consult with employees and representatives on development of PSM program
- Provide employees and their representatives access to PSM documentation and information

# Trade Secrets

- Provide all information necessary to those persons responsible for PSM activities
- May require confidentiality agreements

# Process Safety Information (PSI)

- Compile and maintain for the life of the process:
  - Chemical hazards information
  - Process technology information
  - Process equipment information
- Document that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices (RAGAGEP)
- For existing equipment designed and constructed to out-of-date codes/standards, determine and document that the equipment is designed, maintained, inspected, tested, and operating in a safe manner

# Chemical Hazards Information

- Toxicity data
- Permissible exposure limits
- Physical data
- Reactivity data
- Corrosivity data
- Thermal and chemical stability
- Chemical incompatibility

# Process Technology Information

- Block flow or process flow diagram
- Process chemistry
- Maximum intended inventories
- Safe operating limits for process parameters
- Consequences of deviations
- Where original technical information no longer exists, it may be developed in conjunction with a PHA in sufficient detail to support the analysis

# Process Equipment Information

- Materials of construction
- P&IDs
- Electrical classification
- Relief system design and basis
- Ventilation system design
- Design codes and standards used
- Material and energy balances
- Safety systems (e.g., interlocks, detection or suppression systems)

# Process Hazard Analysis (PHA)

- Prioritize/conduct PHAs; revalidate at least every 5 years
- Use method appropriate to hazard and complexity
- Ensure all PSI is accurate and up-to-date
- Use qualified PHA leader and team (engineering, operations, and employees)
- Create system to promptly address findings and track/document corrective actions
- Retain PHA reports for life of process

# PHA Should Address Specific Concerns

- Hazards of the process
- Previous incidents
- Engineering and administrative controls and their interrelationships
- Consequences of failure of these controls
- Facility siting
- Human factors
- Qualitative evaluation of a range of the possible safety and health effects on all employees in the workplace

# Operating Procedures

- Create written operating procedures that address steps for each operating phase
  - Startup
  - Normal operations
  - Temporary operations
  - Emergency shutdown and operations
- Ensure procedures are accessible to affected employees who work in or maintain a process
- Review procedures as often as necessary to ensure they reflect current operating practices; certify annually that procedures are current and accurate

# Written Procedures Should Include

- Operating limits
- Consequences of deviations
- Steps required to correct or avoid deviation
- Safety and health considerations (PPE)
- Safety system descriptions

# Training

- Provide initial training on
  - Overview of the process
  - Operating procedures
- Provide refresher training
- Document the means to ensure that the training was understood

# Contractors

- Evaluate contractor's safety performance and programs when selecting a contractor
- Inform contract employers of known process and work-related hazards
- Explain applicable parts of the emergency action plan to contract employers
- Implement safe work practices, including safe work practices and control the entrance, presence, and exit of contract employers and employees in process areas
- Periodically evaluate the performance of contract employers in fulfilling their obligations
- Maintain contract employee injury and illness logs related to contractors' work in process areas

# Pre-startup Safety Review (PSSR)

- For new facilities and for facilities with modifications that require changes to PSI
- Requirements must be completed before introducing highly hazardous chemicals
- The PSSR must confirm that:
  - Construction and equipment meet design specifications
  - Safety, operating, maintenance, and emergency procedures are in place and adequate
  - PHA has been performed (for new facilities), the recommendations have been resolved or implemented before startup, and modified facilities meet MOC requirements
  - Training of each employee involved in operating process is complete

# Mechanical Integrity

- Develop and implement written procedures to maintain the on-going integrity of process equipment
- Provide training to ensure that the employees involved in maintaining the on-going integrity of process equipment can perform their jobs, each employee shall be trained in:
  - an overview of the process
  - the hazards of the process
  - the procedures applicable to the employee's job
- Perform inspections and tests

# Mechanical Integrity (cont'd)

- Frequency of inspections and tests of process equipment shall be consistent with:
  - manufacturer's recommendations
  - good engineering practices
  - operating experience, which may dictate that frequencies be increased
- Document each inspection and test performed on process equipment and identify:
  - date of the inspection or test
  - name of the person who performed the inspection or test
  - serial number or other identifier of the equipment tested or inspected
  - description of the inspection or test performed
  - results of the inspection or test

# Mechanical Integrity (cont'd)

- Correct equipment deficiencies that are outside acceptable limits (defined by the process safety information) before further use, or in a safe and timely manner when other means are taken to ensure safe operation
- In the construction of new plants and equipment, ensure that fabricated equipment is suitable for the process application
- Perform appropriate checks and inspections to ensure that equipment is installed properly and is consistent with design specifications and manufacturers' instructions
- Ensure that maintenance materials, spare parts, and equipment are suitable for the process application for which they will be used

# Safe Work Practices (including Hot Work)

- Develop and implement safe work practices to control hazards including
  - hot work
  - lockout/tagout
  - confined space entry
  - opening process equipment/piping
  - access control for support personnel
- Safe work practices apply to employees and contractors

# Management of Change (MOC)

- Develop written procedure to manage changes
  - Equipment
  - Procedures
  - Chemicals
  - Operating and safety limits
  - Personnel and organizational (*interpretation letter*)
- For each change, the review should address:
  - Technical basis for the change
  - Safety and health impacts
  - Time period for change
  - Authorization requirements
- Inform and train operations and maintenance employees and contractors before change is implemented
- Update process safety information and procedures, as necessary

# Incident Investigation

- Investigate incidents which resulted in, or could reasonably have resulted in, a **catastrophic release** of highly hazardous chemical
- As promptly as possible; not later than 48 hours
- The investigation team must include:
  - At least one person knowledgeable in the process involved
  - A contract employee if the incident involved work of the contractor
  - Other persons with appropriate knowledge and experience to thoroughly investigate and analyze the incident

# Incident Investigation (cont'd)

- The report shall contain at least the following:
  - Date of incident
  - Date investigation began
  - Description of incident
  - Contributing factors
  - Recommendations
- Establish a system to promptly address and resolve the incident report findings/recommendations
- Document the resolutions and corrective actions
- Review report with all affected personnel whose job tasks are relevant to findings
- Include contract employees when applicable
- Retain incident investigation reports for 5 years

# Emergency Planning and Response

- Establish and implement an emergency action plan in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.38(a)
- Develop procedures for handling small releases
- Employers may also be subject to emergency response provisions in 29 CFR 1910.120 (a), (p), or (q)

# Compliance Audits

- Certify, at least every 3 years, that PSM compliance has been evaluated and that procedures and practices implementing the PSM standard are adequate and are being followed
- The compliance audit should be conducted by at least one person knowledgeable in the process
- A report of the findings of the compliance audit shall be developed
- Promptly determine and document an appropriate response to each of the findings of the audit
- Document that deficiencies have been corrected

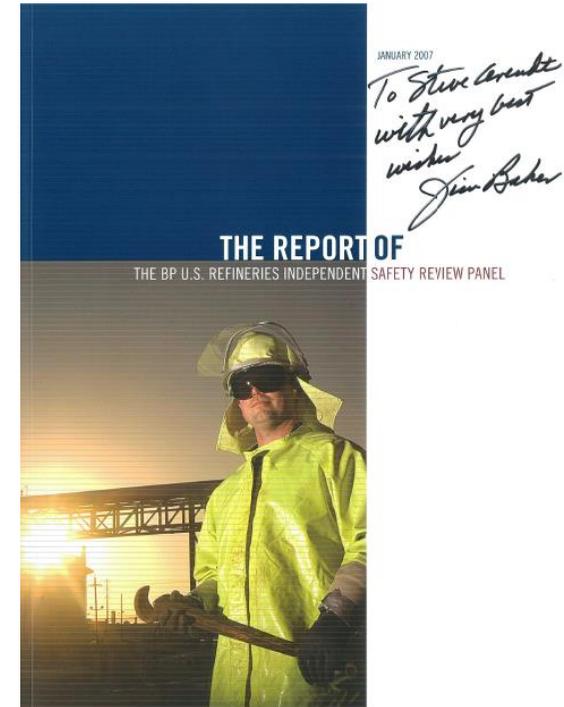
# Summary of Federal PSM Enforcement Activities

- Pre-PSM – Chemical Special Emphasis Program following Bhopal
- OSHA PSM
  - Program Quality Verification (PQV) inspection
  - Interpretation letters/enforcement guidance
  - Citations and penalties
- Incident/accidents investigations
- Special emphasis programs – reactives, dust, refineries, chemical plants
- Frequent PSM element violations
  - Mechanical integrity
  - Operating procedures
  - Process safety information
  - Process hazard analysis
  - Management of change
- Perceived current OSHA PSM regulatory/enforcement strategy

**Lessons from  
Significant Process  
Safety Accidents**

# Lessons from BP-Tx City/Baker Panel Review

- **Ineffective PSM system with weak performance evaluation, corrective action, and corporate oversight**
  - Lack of follow-up in ALL areas
  - Huge backlogs in inspections and corrective actions
  - Not following consensus standards – nor their own
  - Poor risk awareness and assessment
  - Superficial audits
  - Inadequate metrics
  - Poor management review at local level
  - Not focused on process safety at corporate level
- **Inadequate corporate safety culture**
  - Lack of effective process safety leadership
  - Inadequate employee empowerment
  - Inadequate resources and positioning of process safety capabilities
  - Ineffective incorporation of process safety into management decision-making
  - Lack of a common, unifying process safety culture



# Lessons from Macondo (4/10)

- Process safety management system failures
- Inadequate process safety culture for DH
- Inadequate GOM operating environment culture
- Complex offshore operating environment
- Inadequate GOM regulatory environment

# Lessons from Buncefield UK 12/10/05

- Fuel Storage depot near Hemel Hempstead, UK; supplied aviation fuel to Heathrow and Gatwick
- Hazard process was tank filling operations
- Inadequate design
- Inadequate management of tank level alarms
- Tolerance of procedural and equipment deviations
- Inadequate risk awareness by staff
- Contractor competence



# Possible Issues from Regional Accidents

- Tesoro Anacortes (4/10)
- Chevron Richmond Refinery (8/12)
- ExxonMobil Torrance (2/15)

## **Some General Issues that Have Been Mentioned**

- Mechanical integrity risk management
- Damage mechanisms
- Inherent safety
- Safety culture

**Industry Process  
Safety Performance  
Improvement Efforts**

# PSM Implementation Effective Practices

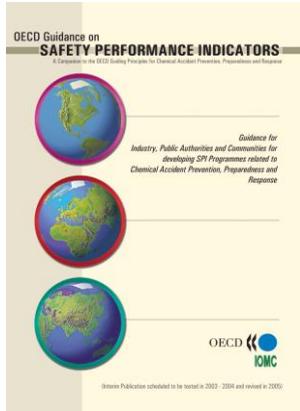
- Pay attention to lessons - incidents and implementation
- Avoid a “compliance-only, minimalistic mindset”
- Provide adequate resources; don’t skimp on rollout
- Create proper ownership; pursue employee engagement
- Grow culture and pursue operational discipline
- Locate leadership/PSM execution in “influencing” spots
- Use PSM networks to leverage competency
- Create fit-for-purpose management systems
- Appropriate use of "generic" procedures and practices
- MR during implementation and beyond
- Use “blended” PSM audit teams
- Know when to “acquire wisdom” for critical PSM activities

# Significant Process Safety Improvement Activities

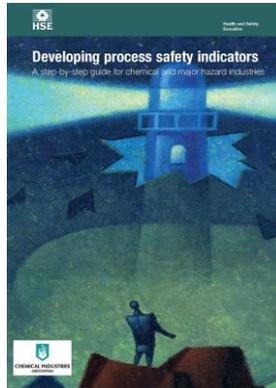
- Evolving and defining recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices (RAGAGEP) and management practices, including internal company guidelines
- ACC RC – Codes of management practices, RCMS, RC-14000
- CCPS – guidelines and conferences
- 100+ CCPS guidelines – Risk Based Process Safety, new/improved techniques for PHA, revalidations, LOPA, metrics, safety culture, etc.
- API standards and RPs – 160+ refining practices, guidelines, and standards
  - [API RP 752](#), [753](#), [754](#), [755](#), [510](#), [580/581](#), [584](#), etc.
- AFPM online process safety networking and educational resources
- API/AFPM benchmarking/practices sharing/networking meetings
- Two examples – process safety metrics and process safety culture

# Industry-Published Metrics Efforts and Guidance

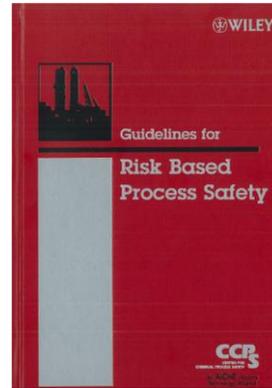
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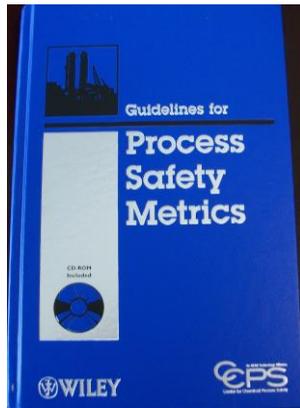
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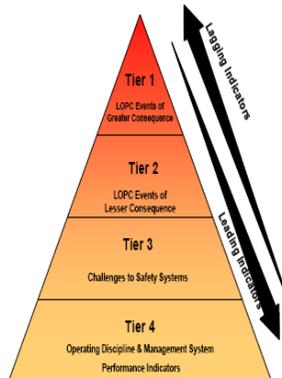
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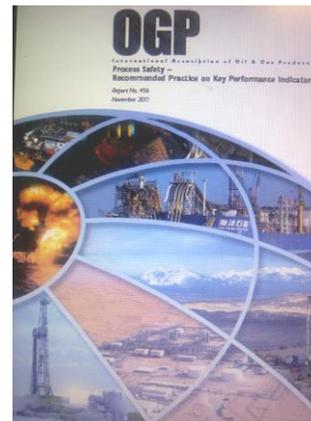


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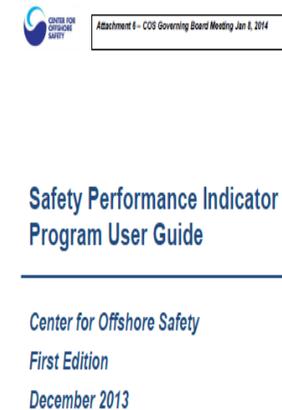


- The count of **Tier 1** process safety events is the most lagging performance indicator and represents incidents with greater consequence resulting from actual losses of containment.
- The count of **Tier 2** process safety events represents loss of primary containment events with a lesser consequence, but may be predictive of future, more significant incidents.
- **Tier 3** events represent challenges to the safety systems. Indicators at this level provide an opportunity to identify and correct weaknesses within the safety system.
- **Tier 4** indicators represent operating discipline and management system performance.

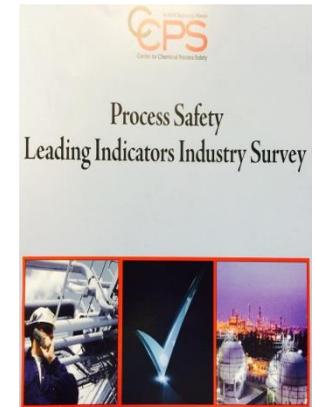
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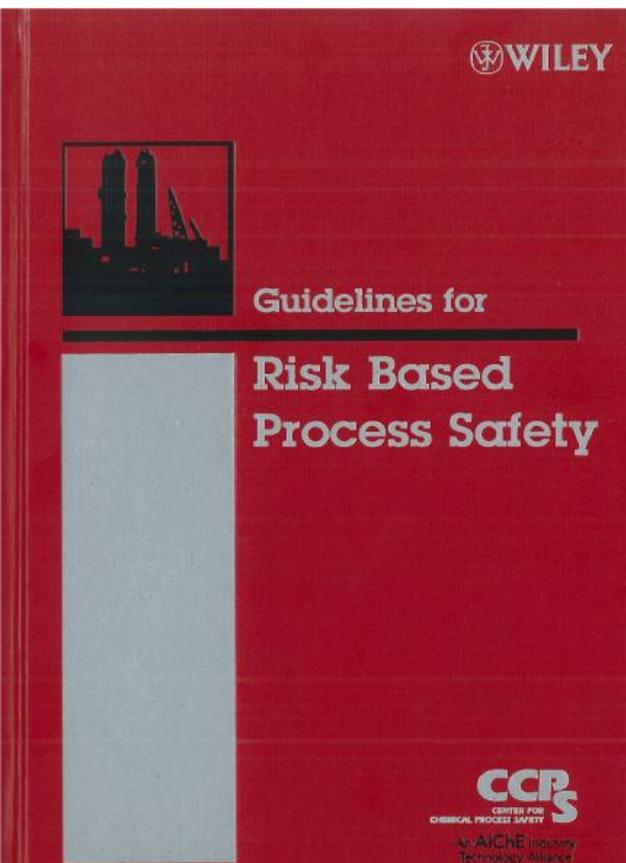
2014



2014-15 Revise RP 754 and Efforts to Harmonize Global Metrics

# Center for Chemical Process Safety, 2007

*ABS Group Wrote  
this Guideline*



# Process Safety Culture Essential Features

- 1. Establish safety as a core value**
- 2. Provide strong leadership**
- 3. Establish and enforce high standards of performance**
- 4. Formalize the safety culture emphasis/approach**
- 5. Maintain a sense of vulnerability**
- 6. Empower individuals to successfully fulfill their safety responsibilities**
- 7. Defer to expertise**
- 8. Ensure open and effective communications**
- 9. Establish a questioning/learning environment**
- 10. Foster mutual trust**
- 11. Provide timely response to safety issues and concerns**
- 12. Provide continuous monitoring of performance**

# **Process Safety Regulatory Update**

# Addressing Causes of Perceived Industry Process Safety Performance Issues

- Examine performance evidence
  - Incidents – Rate and severity, root causes
  - Enforcement results – PSM citations and RMP NOVs reveal some element weaknesses
  - Current hazard/risk levels – perception
  - Continuous improvement – elective improvement by companies/industries
- Does the evidence present a compelling case for:
  - Improving compliance/enforcement with existing regulations?
  - “Modernizing/increasing” existing regulations?
- **Need + Benefits / Cost + Difficulty/Feasibility – should be used to identify and prioritize “improvements”**

# Regulatory Update

- EO 13650 – Improving Chemical Plant Safety & Security
  - Listening sessions and report to the President
  - OSHA PSM RFI – list of 17 RFI topics
  - EPA RMP RFI – List of 19 RFI topics (7 common with OSHA)
  - EPA SBR of possible RMP changes
  - OSHA PSM SBREFA status
- Status for EPA publishing RMP changes – list of 6 change topics
- Cal DIR and Cal ARP – new elements, existing element changes, significant issues

# Overview of Proposed Revisions

	P1	P2	P3
Third-party audits (applies to the next scheduled audit after an accident) *		√	√
Incident Root Cause Analysis (only for facilities with accidents/near misses) *		√	√
Safer Alternatives Analysis (applies to a subset of P3 in certain NAICS codes) *			√
Coordinating Emergency Response Program Requirements with Local Responders		√	√
Emergency Response Exercises *		√	√
Information Sharing *	√	√	√

\* New Proposed Requirement



# PSM for Refineries, Draft 5.0, September 14, 2015

## Proposed General Industrial Safety Order 5189.1

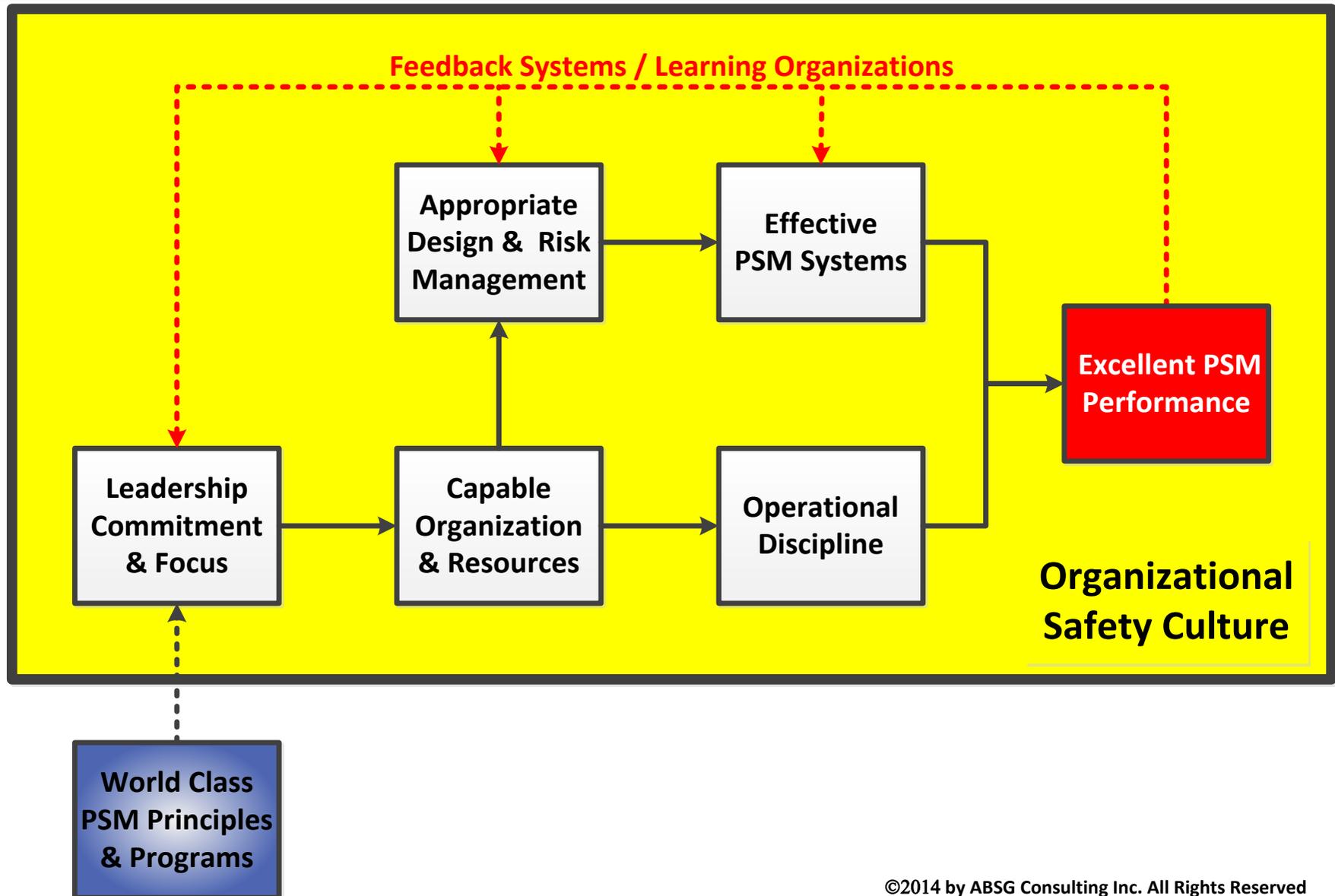
- **(a) Scope and Purpose**
- **(b) Application**
- **(c) Definitions**
- (d) Process Safety information
- (e) Process Hazard Analysis (PHA)  
**Safeguard Protection Analysis**
- (f) Operating Procedures
- (g) Training
- (h) Contractors
- (i) Pre-start-Up Safety Review
- (j) Mechanical Integrity
- **(k) Damage Mechanism Review (DMR)**
- **(l) Hierarchy of Hazards Control Analysis (HCA)**
- (m) Hot Work
- (n) Management of Change
- (o) Incident Investigation - **Root Cause Analysis**
- (p) Emergency Planning and Response
- (q) Employee Participation
- **(r) Process Safety Culture Assessment (PSCA)**
- **(s) Human Factors**
- **(t) Management of Organizational Change**
- (u) Compliance Audits
- **(v) PSM Program**
- **(w) Division Access to Documents and Information**
- **(x) Implementation**

# **Keys for Sustainable Performance Improvement**

# Characteristics of Good Process Safety Companies

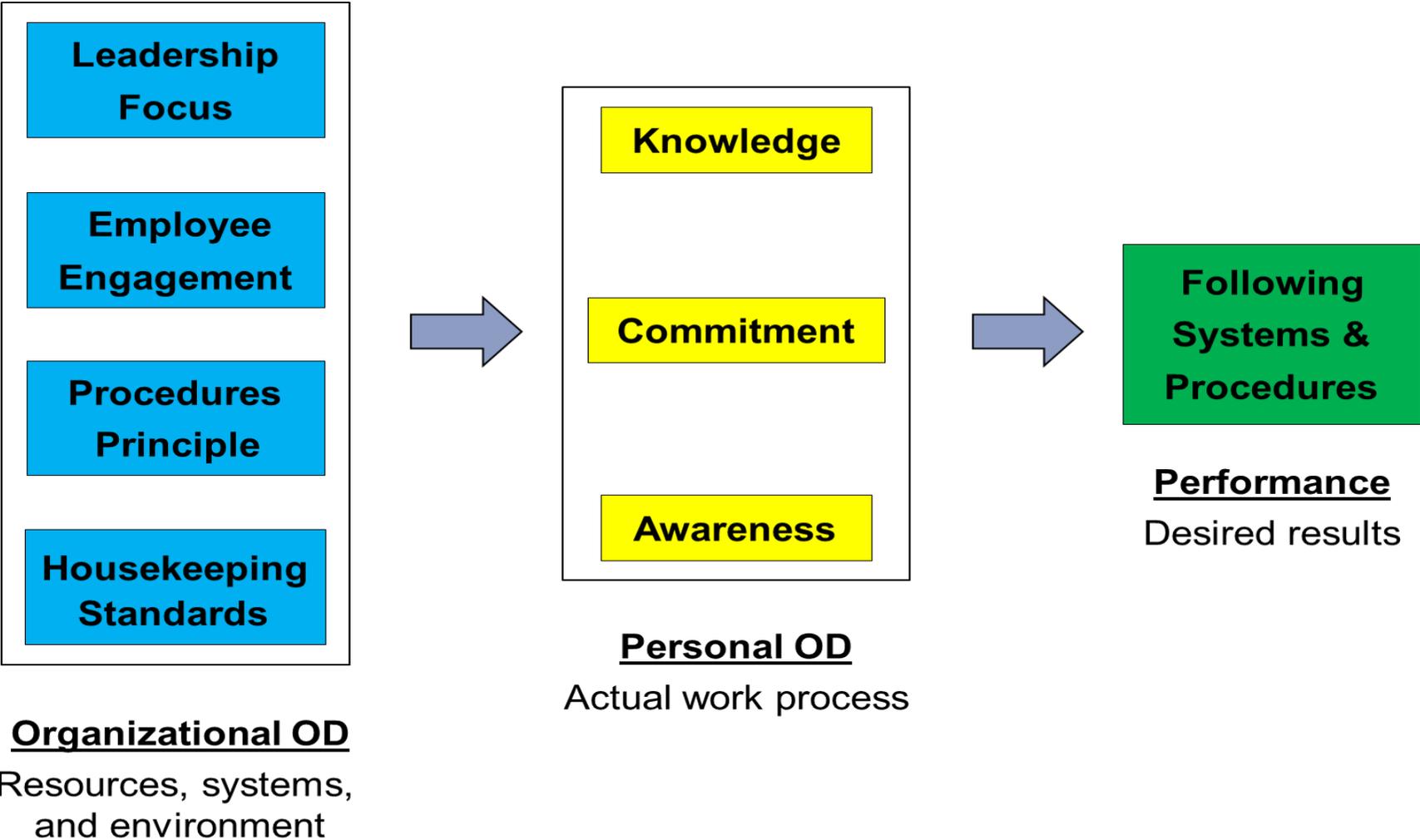
- Not blind or arrogant – willing to look into the mirror
- Safe questioning/learning environment
- Proper safety ownership, leadership, and accountability throughout the organization
- Fosters a better culture
- Collaborative labor-management relationship
- Authentic, consistent workforce participation in PSM
- Effective, fit-for-purpose management systems
- Implementation of process safety work processes earlier in project life-cycles
- Disciplined in execution - low/decreasing backlogs
- High quality incident investigations
- Learns lessons cheaply taught from all sources - avoids repeat teaching
- Effective action - prevention, not just correction
- Action at multiple levels of the pyramid
- Pursues effective continuous improvement – seeks out better practices
- Proper process safety metrics and discerning audits
- Effective management review

# PSM Performance Model to Pursue Excellence



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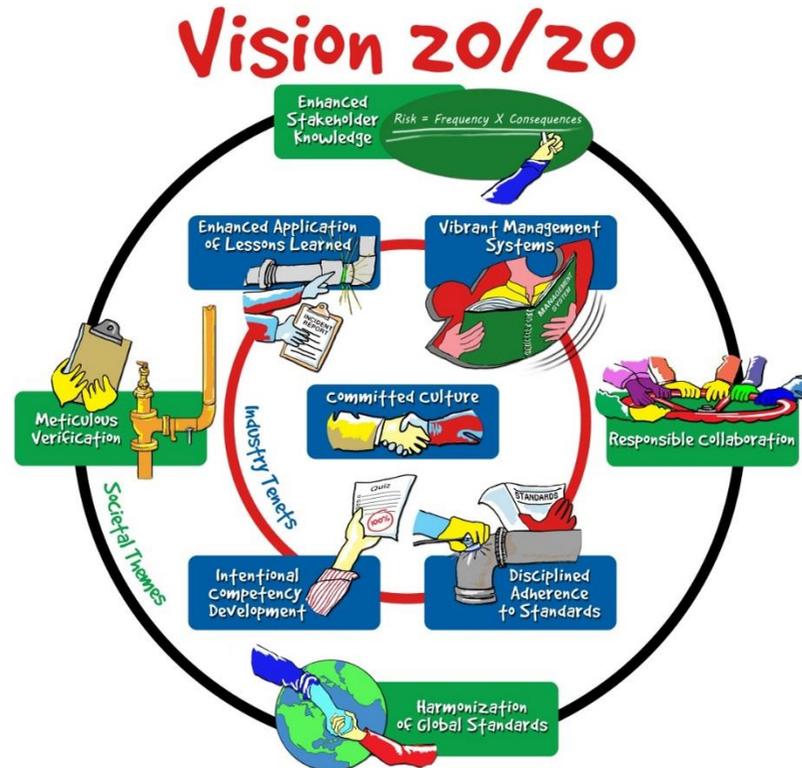
# Operational Discipline



Klein and Vaughen, Process Safety: Key Concepts and Practical Applications, CRC Press, 2016

## Industry Tenets

- Committed culture
- Vibrant management systems
- Disciplined adherence to standards
- Intentional competency development
- Enhanced application and sharing of lessons learned



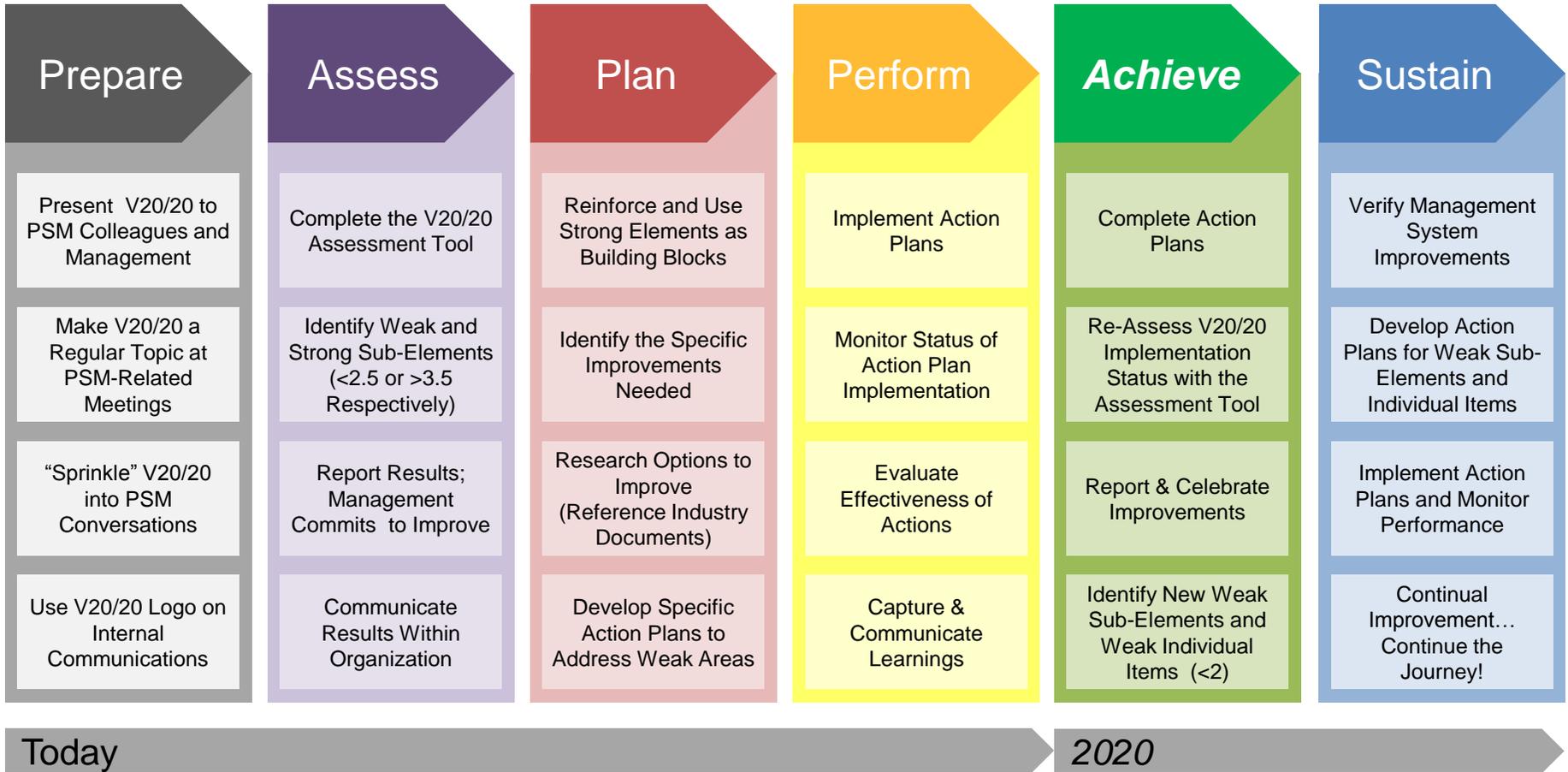
## Societal Themes

- Enhanced Stakeholder Knowledge
- Responsible Collaboration
- Harmonization of Standards
- Meticulous Verification

# Assessment Tool

Vision 20/20, developed by the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), looks into the not-too-distant future to describe how great process safety is delivered when it is collectively and fervently supported by industry, regulators, academia, and the community worldwide; driven by the five industry tenets; and enhanced by the four global societal themes.

## Implementing the Industry Tenets...



# Need to Exterminate Poor Culture Rats

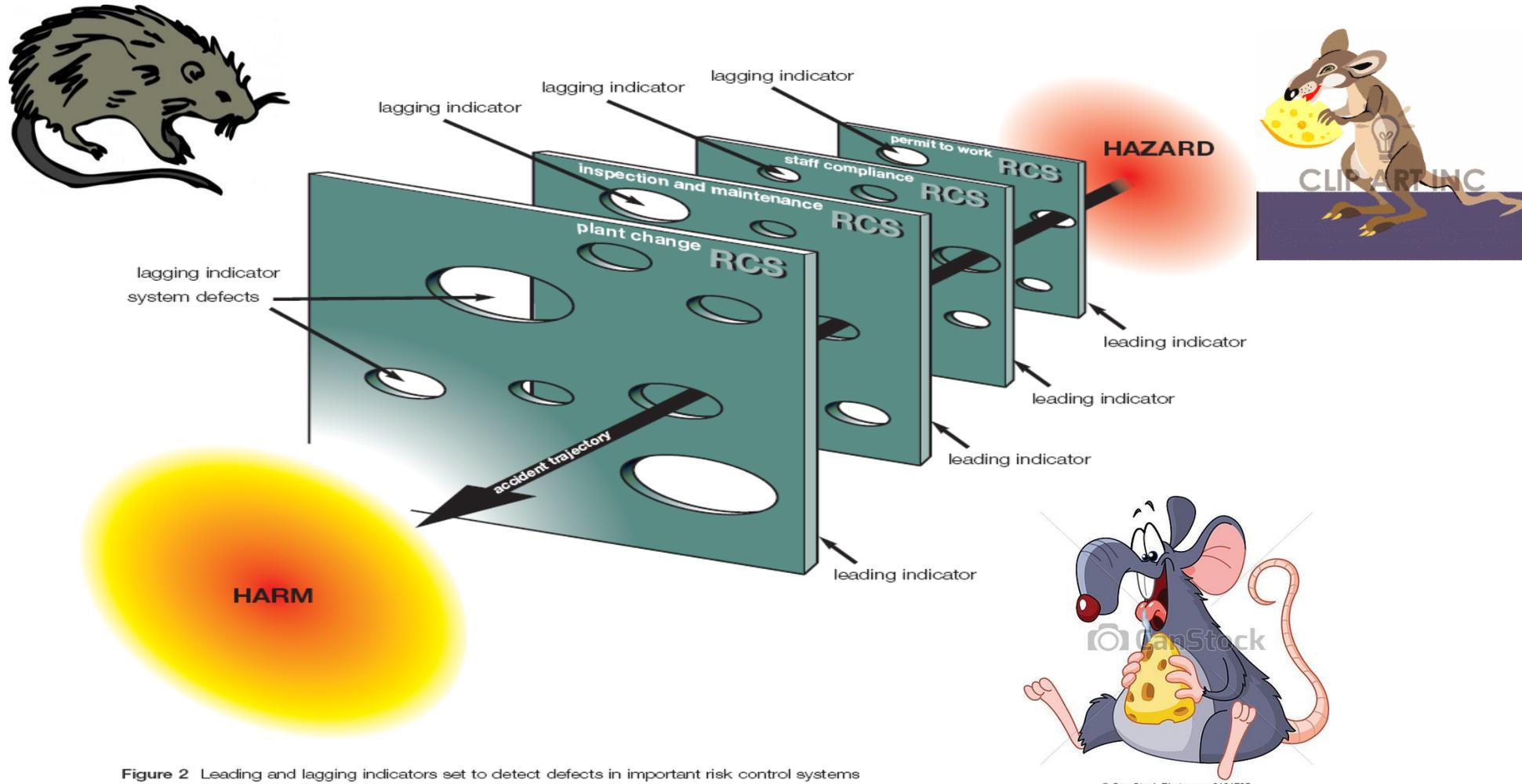
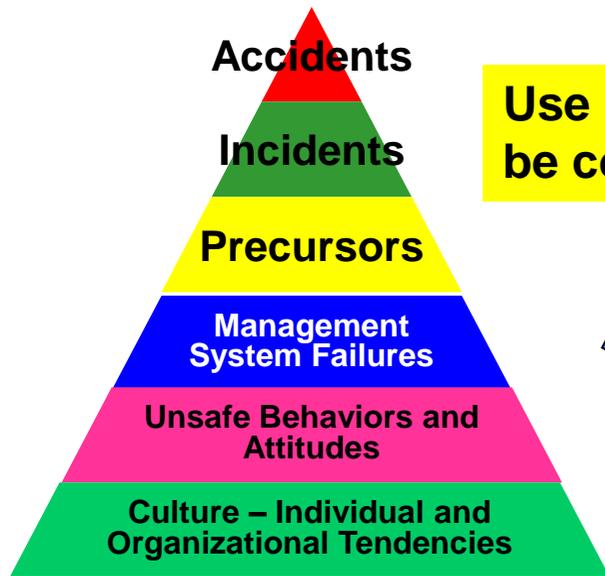


Figure 2 Leading and lagging indicators set to detect defects in important risk control systems

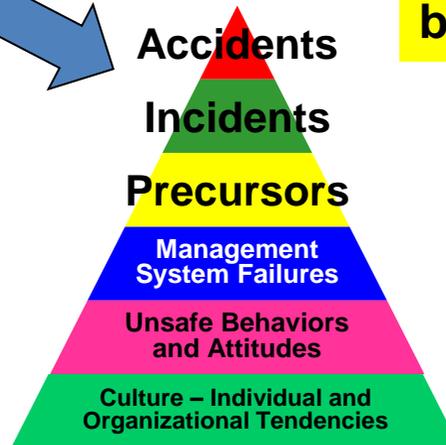
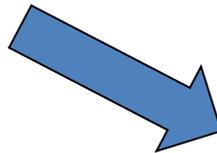
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# Continuous, Sustainable Improvement in Process Safety Performance Demands...

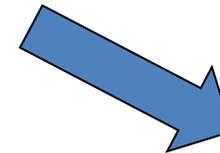
Effective RCA and corrective action creates improvement



Use of leading indicators to be continuous



Addressing culture and behaviors to be sustainable





# Time for Questions