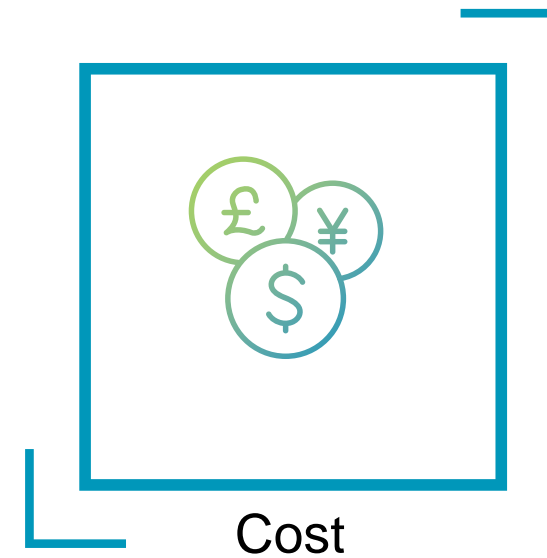





# From Data to Insights: Harnessing Leading Indicators for Improved Process Safety

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# The Big 3 of Successful Operations Management



# To Measure is to Know



**CSB**  
U.S. Chemical Safety and  
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## CSB Best Practice Guidance for Corporate Boards of Directors and Executives in the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry for Major Accident Prevention

### Introduction and Background

**W**hen a corporation operates in a high-hazard industry, such as offshore drilling and production, its board of directors and executives should ensure that there are effective safety management systems in place to properly manage risks with the goal of preventing major accidents and protecting workers, the public, and the environment. Implementing a robust process safety program is important to a company's overall success and is especially critical to companies operating offshore with a potential for major accidents that threaten the lives of workers as well as catastrophic environmental damage, as seen in the Macondo blowout and explosion. A recent industry report noted, however, that process safety is one of the least discussed topics at corporate board meetings.<sup>1</sup>

Major accidents can interfere with drilling and production operations, damage a company's reputation, and cause significant financial distress. The Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) notes in *The Business Case for Process Safety* that implementing an effective process safety program provides for enhanced risk reduction at a company, which has the following benefits:

- Lives are saved and injuries are reduced
- Property damage costs are reduced
- Business interruptions are reduced
- Loss of market share is reduced
- Litigation costs are reduced
- Incident investigation costs are reduced
- Regulatory penalties are reduced; and
- Regulatory attention is reduced...<sup>2</sup>

1 DuPont Sustainable Solutions, Lack of Internal Alignment and Commitment of Resources to Manage Risk Threaten Corporate Business Performance: Global Survey of Executives Exposes Critical Areas of Concern for CEOs and Their Management Teams, Figure 8, p. 8. Available at <https://www.dupont.com/content/dam/duPont/products-and-services/consulting-services-and-process-technologies/research/2010-10-10-OS-R7.pdf>

2 CCPS, The Business Case for Process Safety, 2nd Edition, 2006, p. 8. Available at <https://www.ccs.org/~/media/CCPS/Business-Case-Process-Safety.pdf>

In order for companies to avoid major accidents, boards of directors and executives must be equipped with adequate and timely process safety-related information, and at least members must have adequate levels of relevant education, training, and professional experience to allow them to evaluate the actions, and strategies of executive management, and to intervene on behalf of the company through engagement. Boards influence corporate activity at the highest level through policies, communications, strategic goals, objectives and acquisitions, indicators, compensation, and incentive programs. These decisions help to shape the corporate culture and the degree to which that culture is focused on major accident prevention.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board investigated the *Macondo Blowout and Explosion* (MBOE) investigation and issued the following recommendation: U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) who, in turn, as the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), shall develop guidance addressing the role and responsibilities of corporate boards of directors and executives for effective major accident prevention. Among other things, the standard shall provide specific guidance on how boards of directors and executives could best communicate major accident risks to their stakeholders, as well as corporate level strategies to manage those risks.

The CSB believes that BSEE, as the primary offshore regulatory agency whose mission is to promote safe drilling in the environment, is the best agency to issue the voluntary practice guidance envisioned in the recommendation. The CSB therefore issues this guidance to demonstrate both the importance of such guidance and as a testament that regulatory authority is not required for the issuance of voluntary, good practice guidance.<sup>3</sup>

From the Macondo investigation, the CSB also issued a recommendation to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

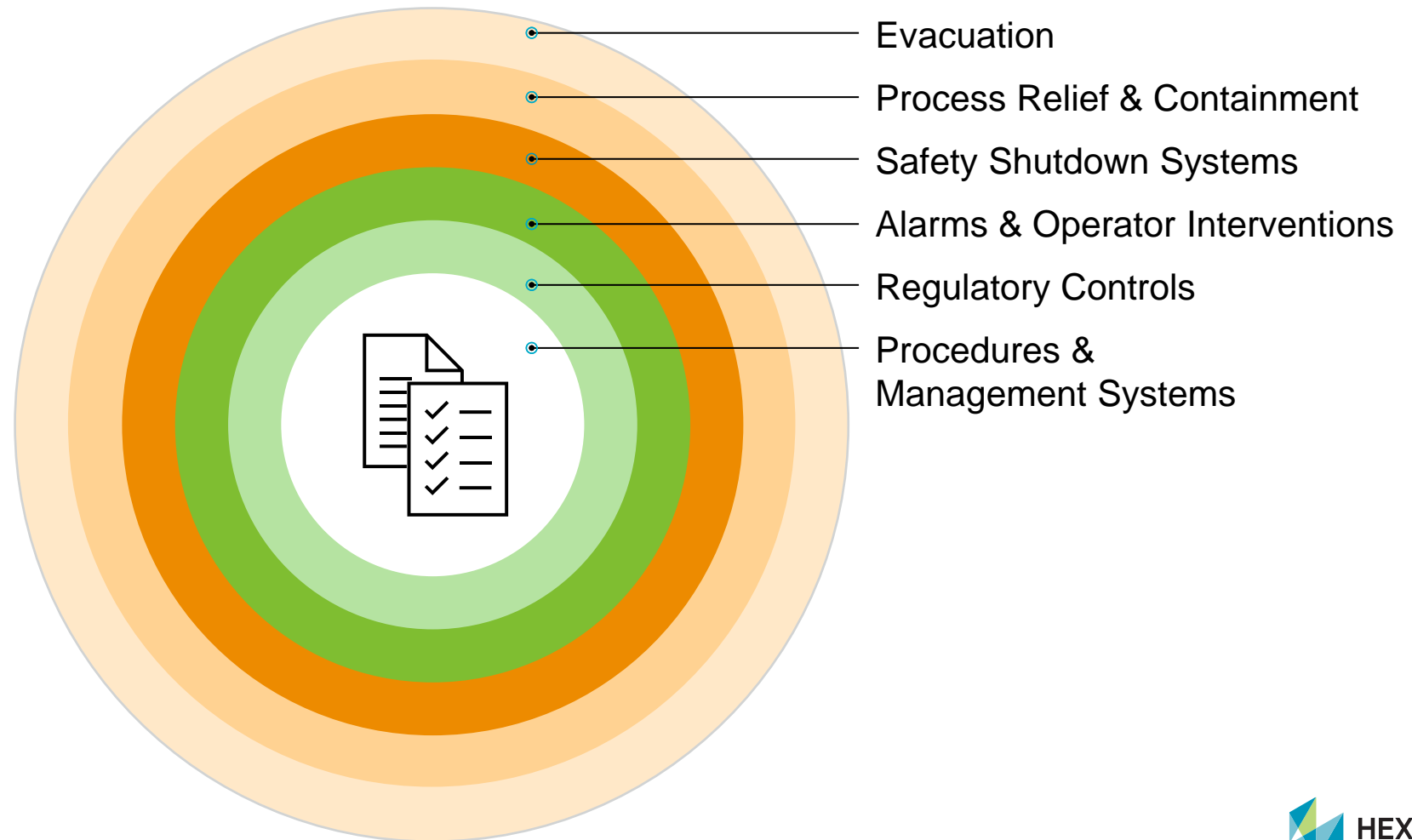
3 2010-10-10-OS-R7 Recommendation Status Change Summary

- Use effective leading and lagging safety indicators to allow for continual monitoring of the company's performance and implemented policies to ensure they take appropriate actions and achieve anticipated results.
- Institute a cross-industry approach to the learning and sharing of lessons from significant process safety incidents.

[https://www.csb.gov/assets/1/17/csb\\_macondo\\_bod\\_guidance.pdf?16585](https://www.csb.gov/assets/1/17/csb_macondo_bod_guidance.pdf?16585)



# Layers of Process Safety



# Measuring Operational Performance



## Sources of Poor Performance

Incomplete shift handover

High Alarm Rates

Uncontrolled changes

Poorly performing control loops

Unknown equipment limits

Frequent shutdowns

Poor control of work processes

Permit violations

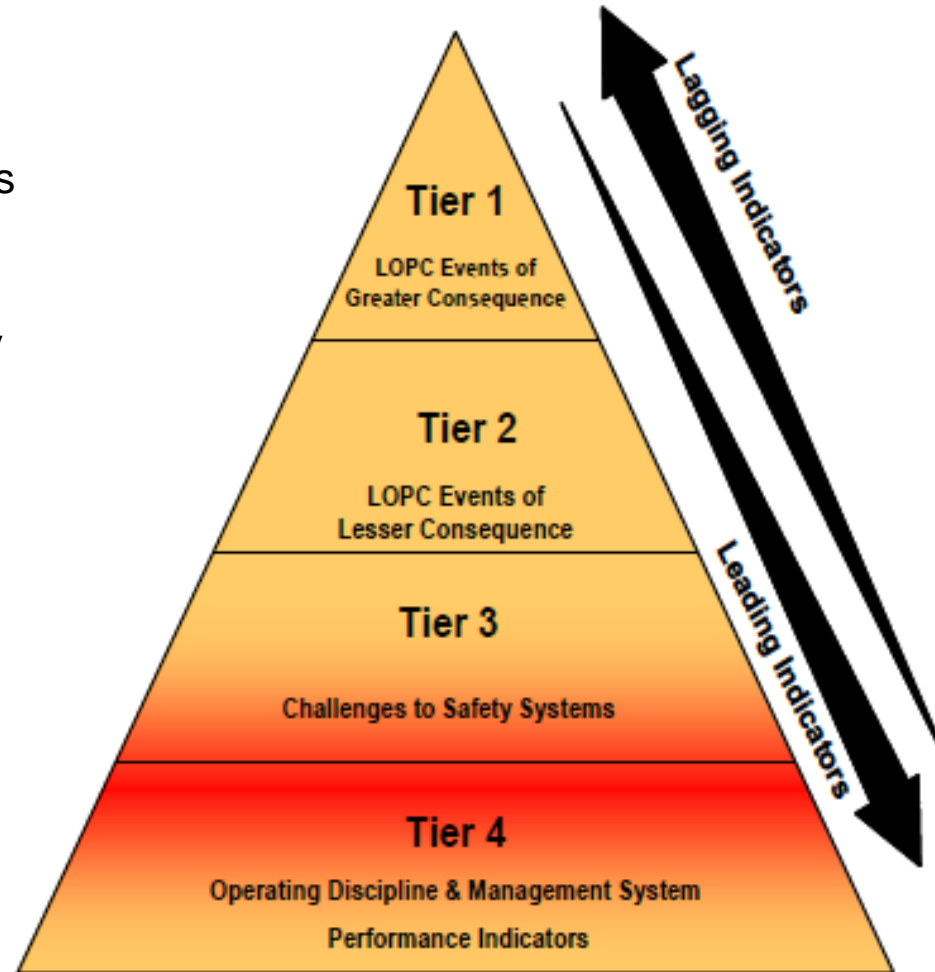
Inefficient Operation

... many, many more ...

# Leading and Lagging Indicators

## The Incident Pyramid

- Identifies leading and lagging process safety indicators to drive performance
- Tier 1 is the most lagging, Tier 4 is the most leading
- Tiers 1 and 2 are measure of actual releases and may be used for national reporting
- Tiers 3 and 4 are intended for internal or site use



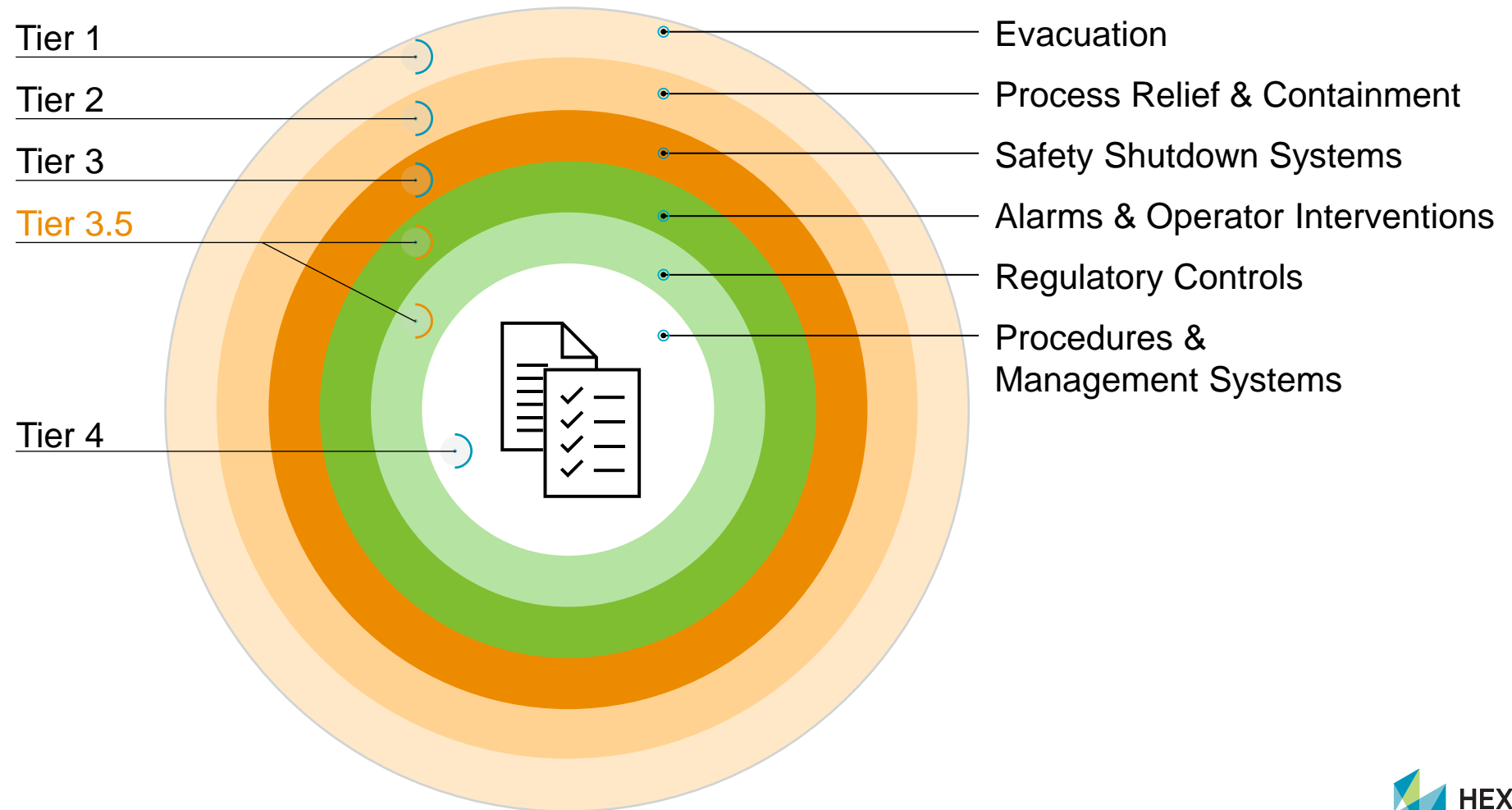
Based on API 754-Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries

# Tier 3/4 leading indicators

- Tier 3
  - Safe Operating Limit Excursions
  - Demands on Safety System
  - Inspections/Testing outside of acceptable limits
- Tier 4
  - Operating discipline and management system performance
    - PHAs complete and on time
    - Process Safety Action Item Closure
    - Work permit compliance
    - Management of Change
    - Procedures current and accurate
    - Equipment Inspections
    - Operator fatigue
    - Etc.



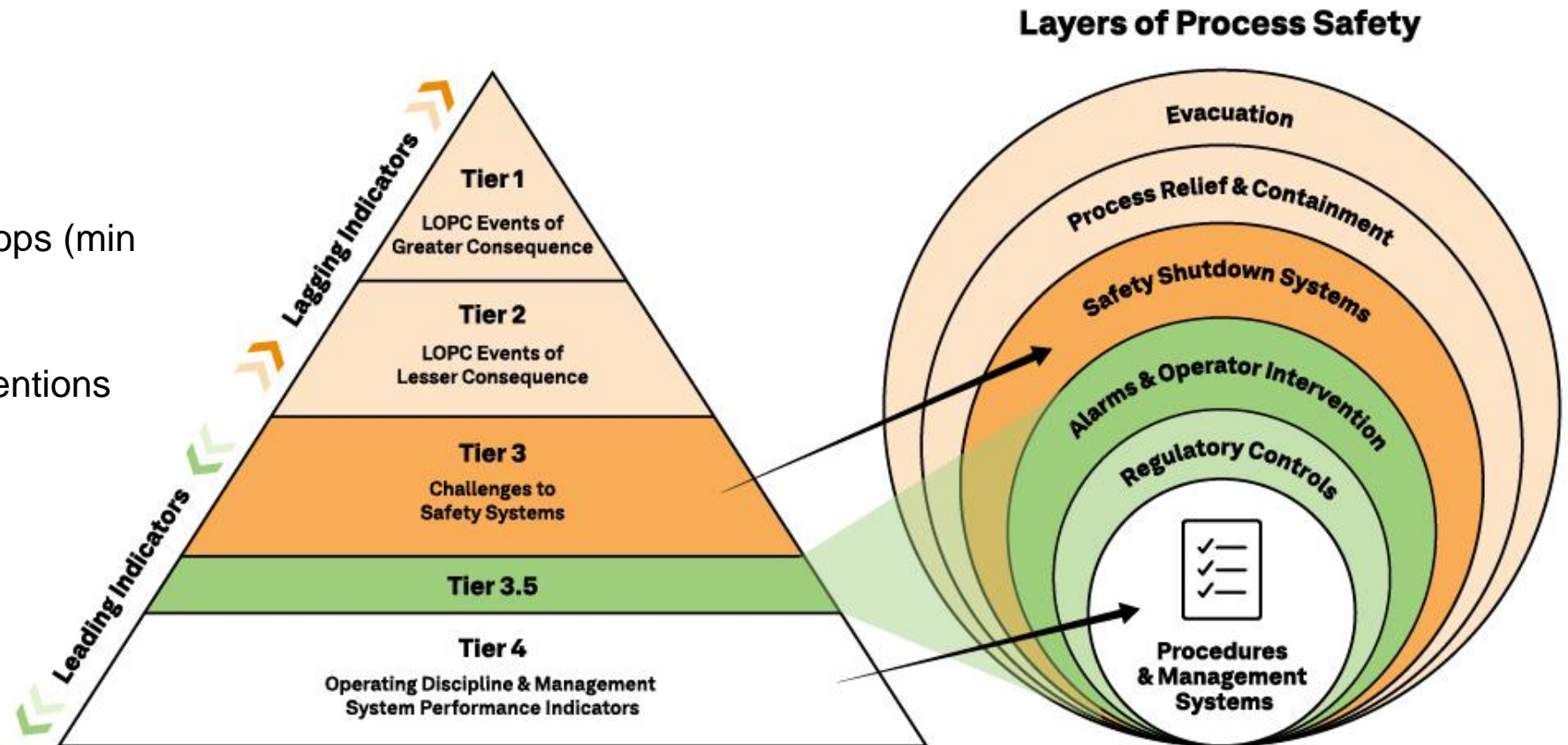
# Layers of Protection for Process Safety





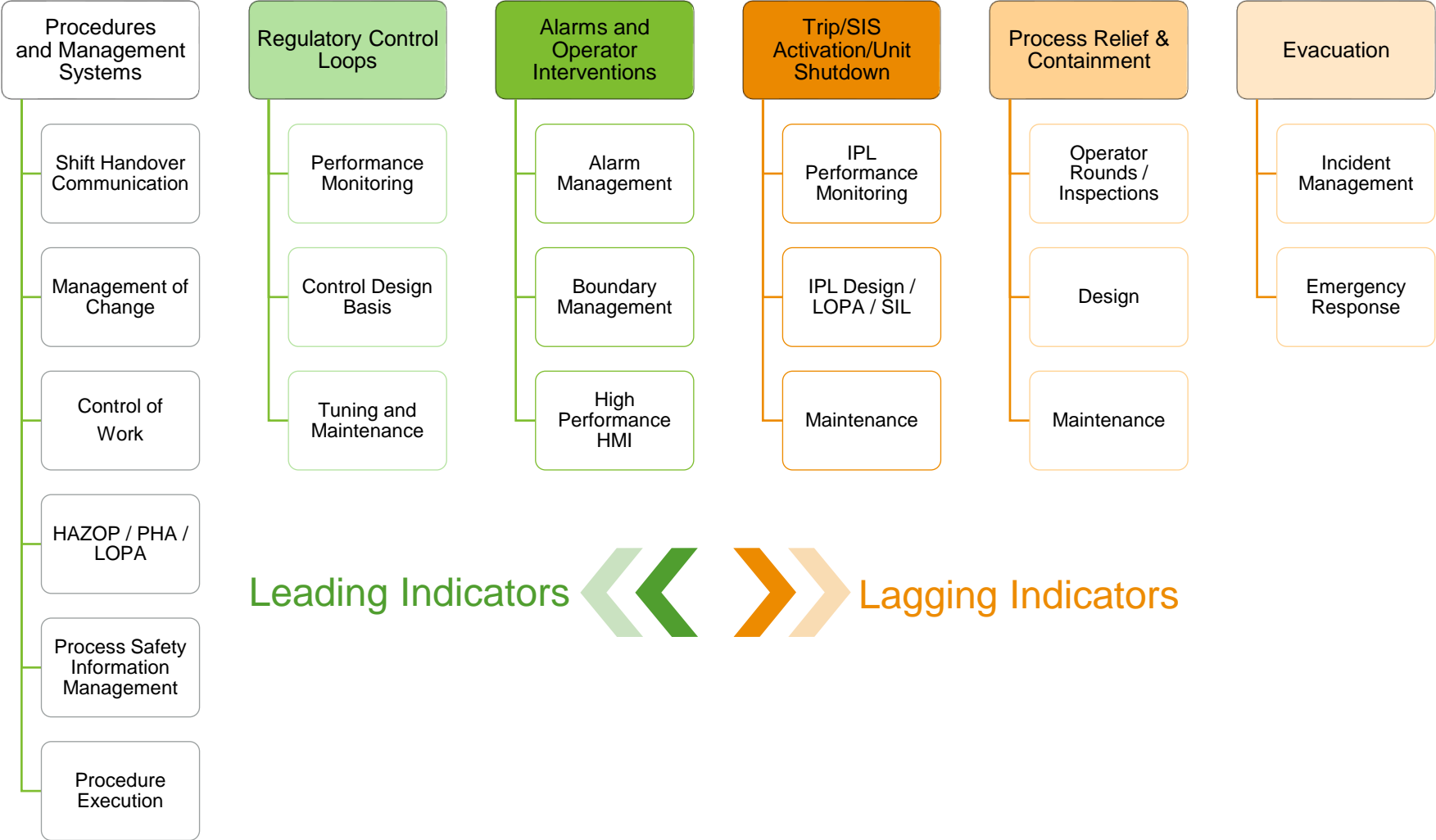
# Tier 3.5 Leading Indicator Examples

- Regulatory Controls
  - Loops in Manual
  - Loop Stability
  - Loop Response
  - Activation of Override Loops (min flow, pressure relief, etc.)
- Alarms and Operator Interventions
  - Alarm Floods
  - Alarm Suppression
  - IPL Related Alarms
  - Active Bypasses
  - Operator Loading
  - Audit Mismatches

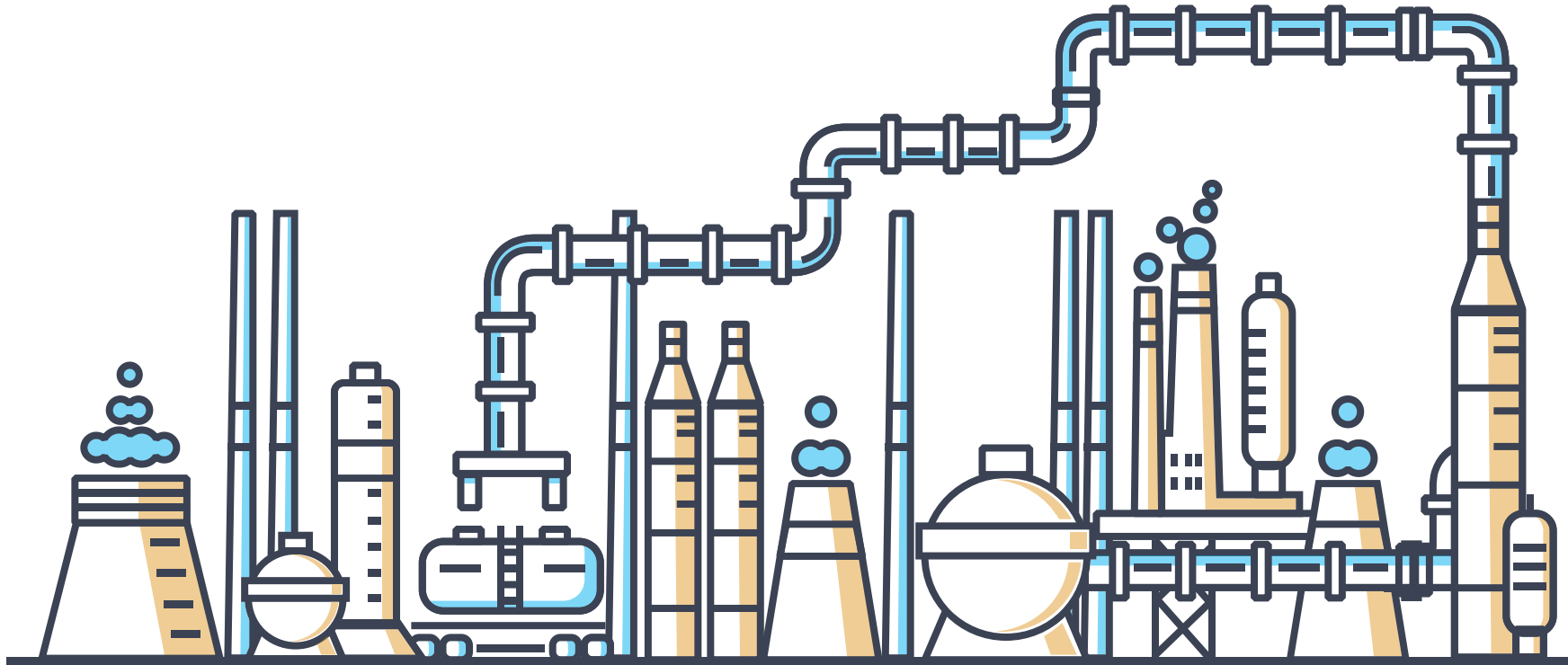


# Work Processes of Process Safety for each Layer of Protection

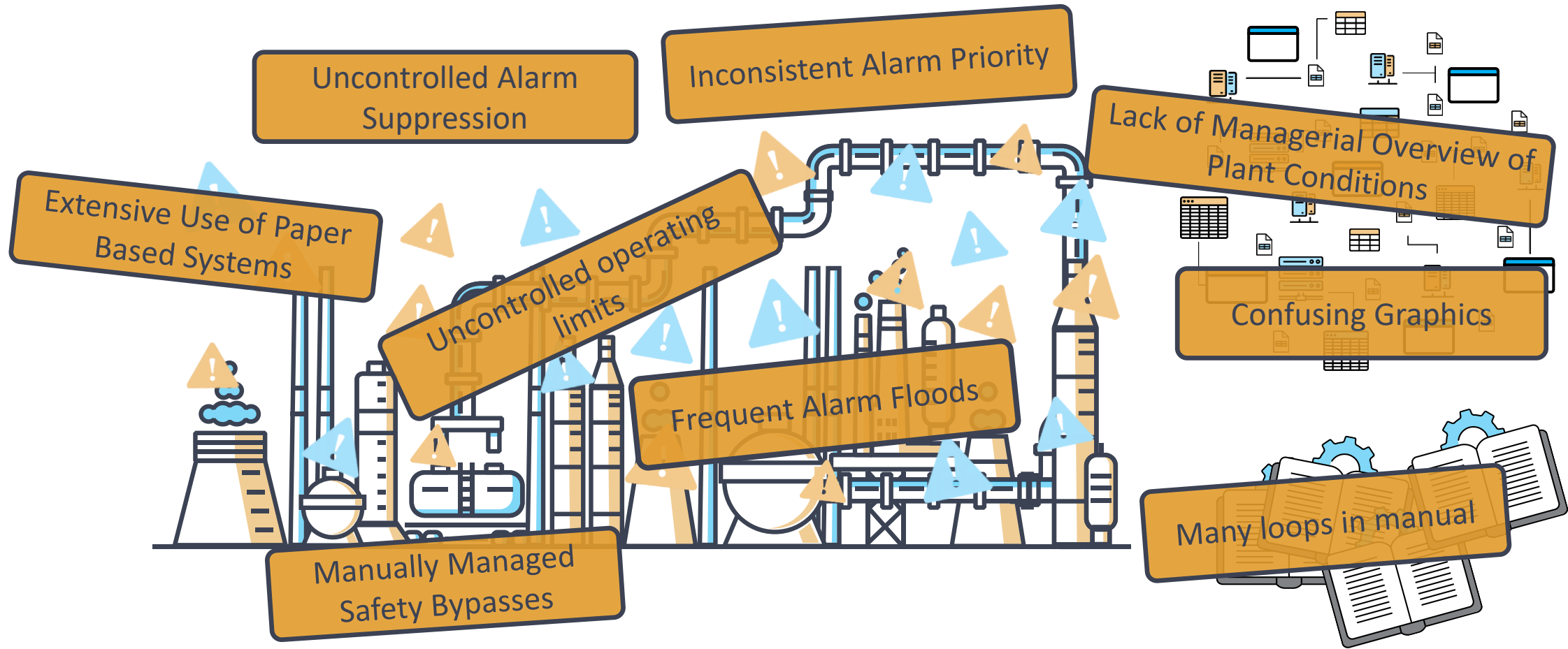
Comprehensive metrics cover them all



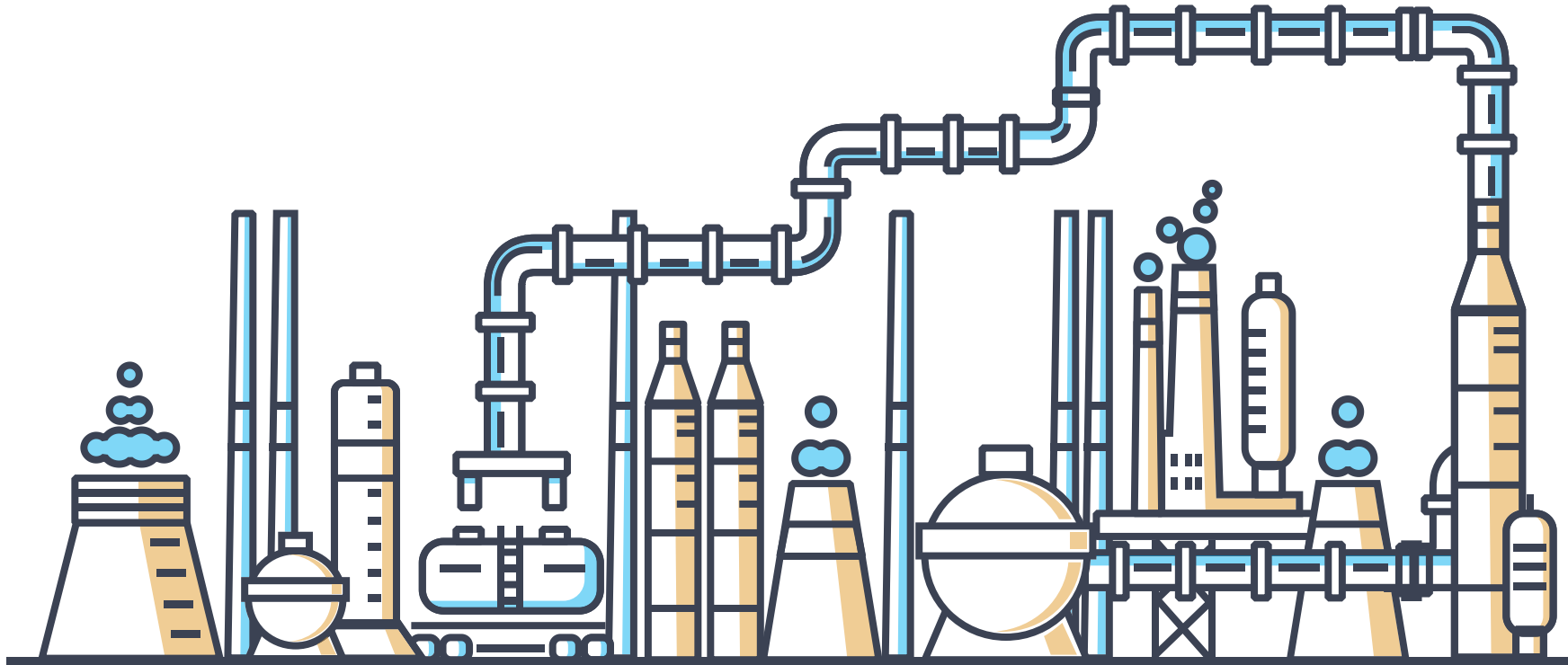
## An Example - Two Identically Designed Sites



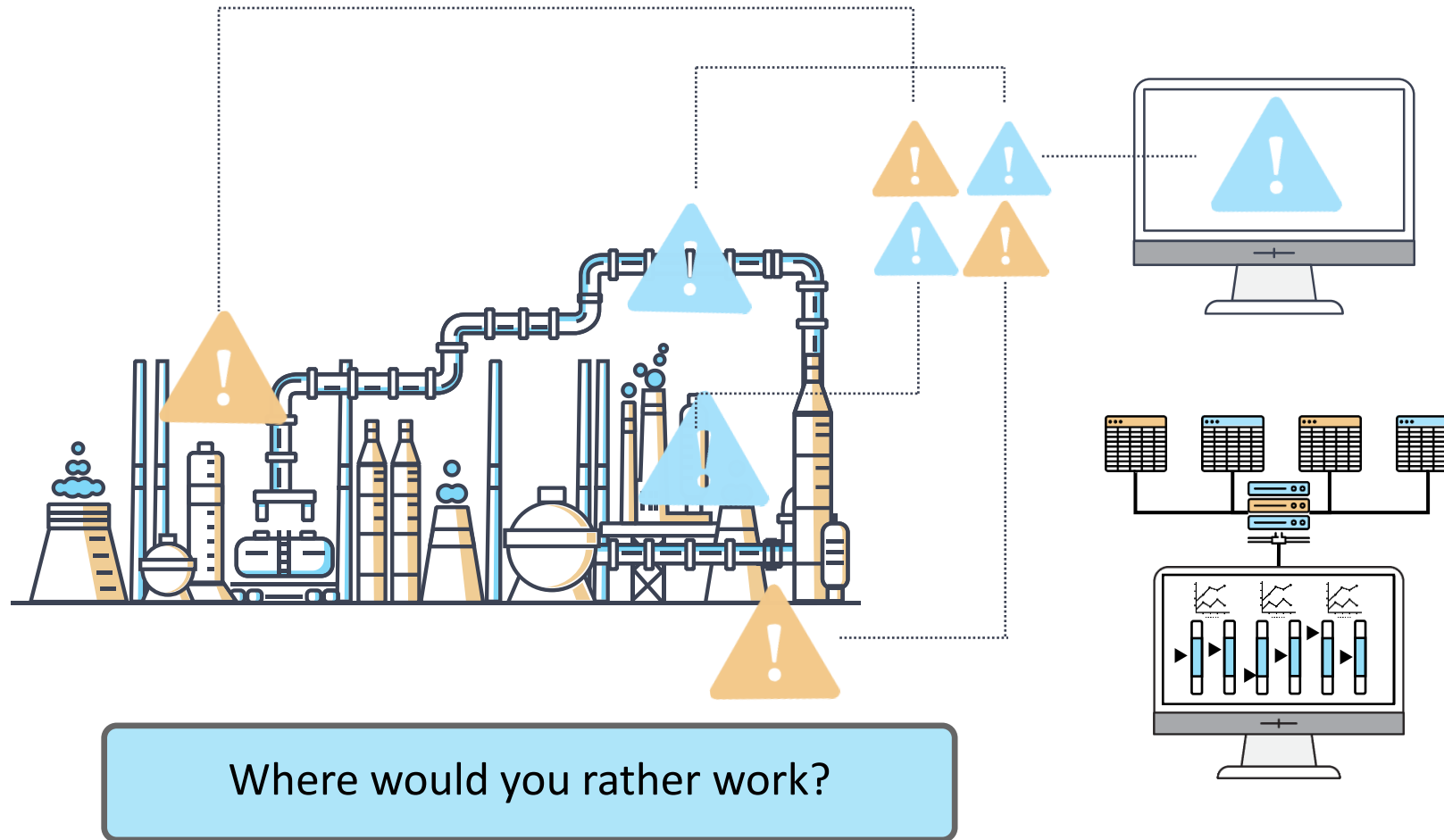
## Two Identically Designed Sites | Site A



## Two Identically Designed Sites | Site B



## Two Identically Designed Sites | Site B



Effective Alarm System

Optimized Control Loops

Safe Operating Limits  
Managed & Monitored

Digital Procedure  
Lifecycle Management

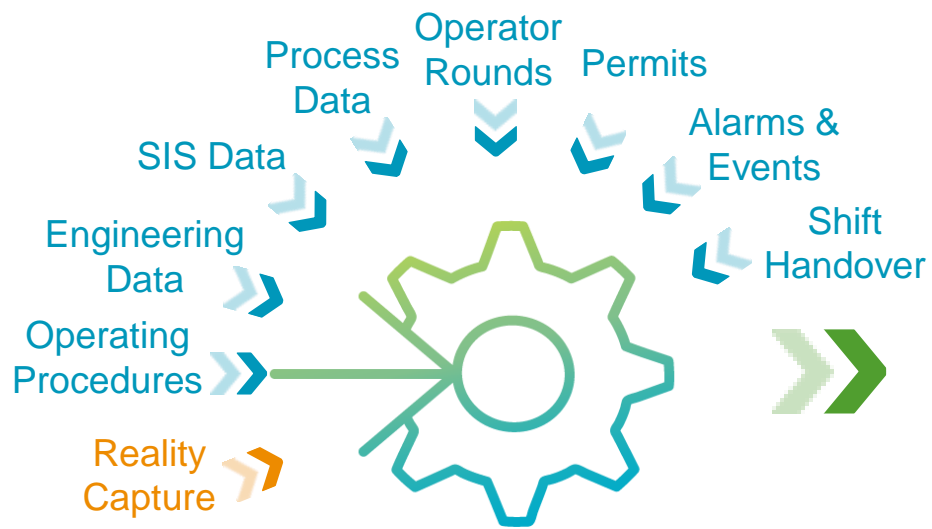
Collaborative Digital  
Shift Handover

Fully Digitalized Logbooks,  
Permits, Duties, etc.

Actionable KPI's



# Enterprise Risk Management and Analytics



## Integration

Disparate systems, different types of data

Immediate access to comprehensive data



## Intelligence

Data Mining, Contextualization, Normalization, Analytics and Optimization

Rapid understanding of information



## Insight

Data science partnered with domain expertise

Improved outcomes of decisions

The background is a composite image of an industrial setting. In the foreground, two workers wearing white hard hats and dark blue uniforms are seen from behind. The worker on the left is holding a smartphone. They are standing in a large, dimly lit industrial space with complex machinery and pipes. Overlaid on this scene are several semi-transparent, glowing blue digital elements, including technical drawings, wireframe models of industrial structures, and data-like patterns. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and oranges from the industrial lighting.

# Thank you