Six cornerstones of sound PSM lifecycle

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Process safety congres, Dordrecht, May 14th 2025





Vision

Creating a better world by making processes **safer** and **more efficient**







Functional Safety Management acc. IEC61511



1984...a year of disaster





Process Safety Management





HARM

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HAZARD

Source: CCPS





PSM Lifecycle

We see PSM as a **continuous** process and have therefore defined PSM as a **lifecycle**, analogously to the safety lifecycle as defined in **IEC-61511**

The PSM lifecycle according to our philosophy contains 6 cornerstones



Leadership 🖨 management



Short summary on cultural and behavioral weaknesses

- Normalization of deviation: Tolerance for degraded safety barriers without prompt action.
- Overreliance on individuals: Leadership effectiveness is person-dependent rather than system-driven.
- Inconsistent leadership competence: No structured process safety competency framework for senior leaders
- Lack of behavioral expectations: Few organisations define or monitor leadership behaviors related to MAH management

HSE, Process Safety Leadership Findings of Energy Division Inspection Programme, February 2025



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Sustainability

Without sound PSM the environmental en social advantages of sustainability are not fully utilized



Hazard & risk management

This is the point in the lifecycle where deepening does make sense

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ALARM As Low As Reasonably Manageable





resilience

The ability to recover from unexpected scenario's

Pasman *et al.*, Resilience of Process Plant: What, Why, and How Resilience Can Improve Safety and Sustainability, July 2020





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