

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

API RP-1173 Pipeline Safety Management Systems





Background NTSB Recommendation

- In July 2012, the NTSB issued Safety Recommendation P-12-017 to the American Petroleum Institute as a result of a 2010 incident where a 30-inch pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge Incorporated ruptured in a wetland in Marshal, MI releasing an estimated 843,444 gallons of crude oil into the Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River.
- This Safety Recommendation lead to industry commissioning a multi-stakeholder work team which developed the pipeline safety management system standard – API RP 1173.



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SMS Overview

- Released in July 2015 in response to major industry incidents API RP 1173 is the American National Standard for Pipeline Safety Management Systems
- Developed to provide an integrated framework of safety related practices for hazardous liquid and gas pipeline operators to effectively manage the many linked activities and complex processes involved with pipelines
- API RP 1173 provides pipeline operators with a set of safety management system tools that when applied provide a framework to:
 - Reveal and manage risk,
 - Promote a learning environment, and
 - Continuously improve pipeline safety and integrity.



Why PSMS?

- *“Safe and effective pipeline operation requires awareness and management of many linked activities, yielding complex processes.”*
- *“Major accidents with high consequences rarely occur but when they do, the accident occurs because of an alignment of weaknesses or failures across multiple activities.”*



Safety Management System Elements

- 1. Leadership and Management Commitment**
- 2. Stakeholder Engagement**
- 3. Risk Management**
- 4. Operational Controls**
- 5. Incident Investigation, Evaluation, and Lessons Learned**
- 6. Safety Assurance**
- 7. Management Review and Continuous Improvement**
- 8. Emergency Preparedness and Response**
- 9. Competence, Awareness, and Training**
- 10. Documentation and Record Keeping**



1. Leadership and Management Commitment

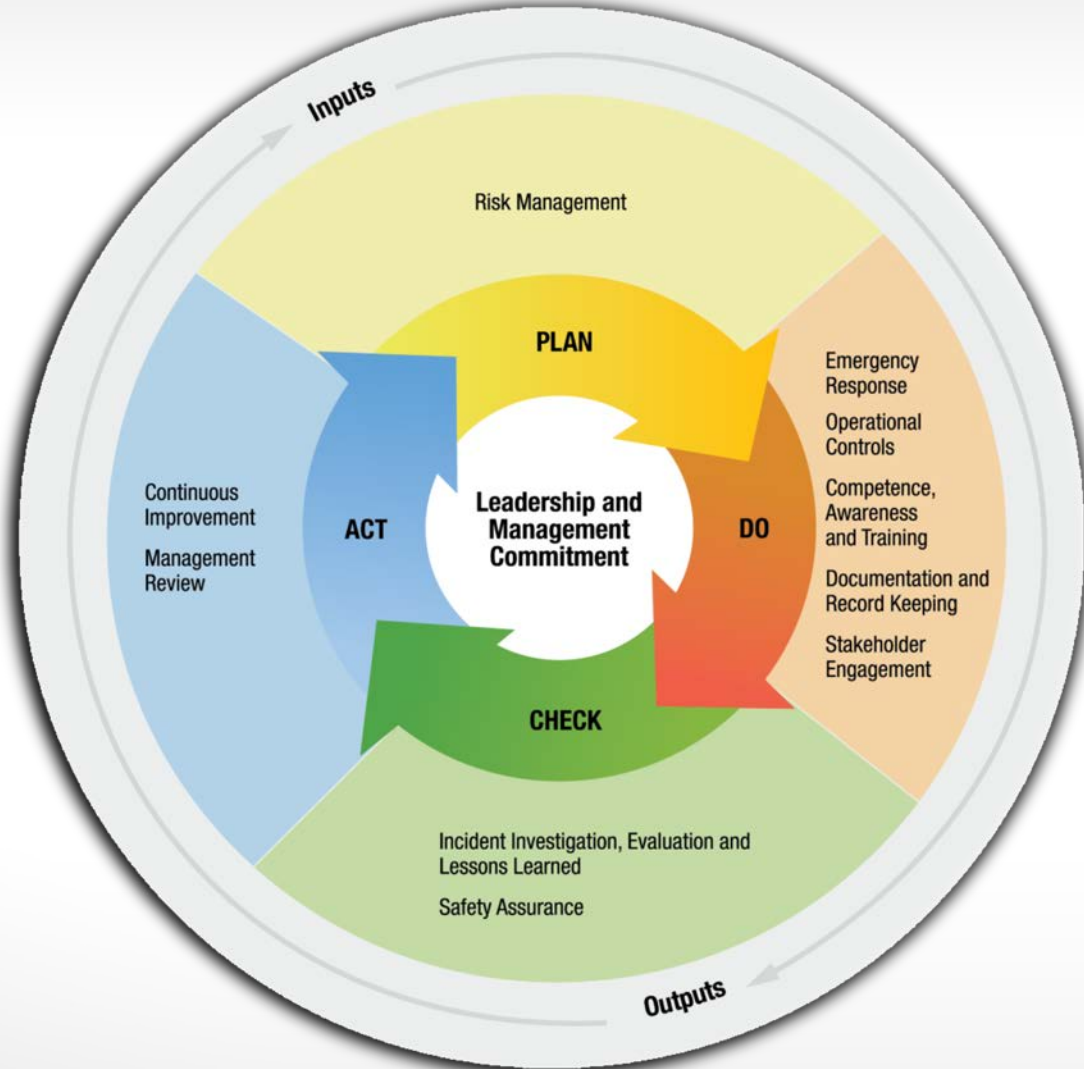
- **Top Management**- Establishes measureable goals and objectives; accountable for continuous improvement; regularly reviews safety performance and communications about safety; nurtures safety culture
- **Management**- Ensures effective processes, procedures and training to meet objectives; assesses, evaluates and adjusts as needed to meet objectives; fosters continuous improvement
- **Employees**- Follow management's processes and procedures to meet objectives; identify improvements; reveal risks
 - Stop work for safety of employees and public
 - Bring rigor of employee safety to pipeline asset protection



Plan, Do, Check, Act

The Core of RP 1173

Continuous Improvement is the Goal!





2. Stakeholder Engagement

- *Internal focus* on ensuring full employee engagement, involvement and learning
- *External focus* on moving from awareness to dialogue to help control risk and share performance



3. Risk Management

- Builds upon the fundamentals of risk management in integrity management – *“Know your system and recognize potential threats”*
- Emphasizes data gathering, gap analysis and correction
- Risk Identification - *“What Can Go Wrong?”*
- Risk Mitigation – *“What are you doing about it?”*
- Periodic Analyses of risks – at least once annually
- Reports to Top Management should include risk analysis, preventive and mitigation methods and intended effectiveness



4. Operational Controls

- **Operating Procedures:**
 - **Operations**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Emergency response**
 - **Start-up/shut-down**
 - **Safe work practices**
 - **Control of materials**



4. Operational Controls (cont.)

- **System Integrity:**
 - Design
 - Fabrication and Manufacture
 - Construction
 - Testing
 - Inspection



4. Operational Controls (Cont.)

- **Management of Change:**
 - Technology
 - Equipment
 - Procedures
 - Organization
- **Use of Contractors:**
 - Communications
 - Training and orientation
 - Responsibility, authority and accountability
 - Evaluation
 - Risk



5. Incident Investigation, Evaluation and Lessons Learned

- The pipeline operator shall maintain a procedure for investigating incidents and near misses that led, **or could have led**, to a loss of life or serious injury
- Incorporate findings from Root Cause Analysis into risk prevention and mitigation plans



Incident Investigation, Evaluation and Lessons Learned (Cont.)

- Identify the cause, contributing factors and lessons learned from incidents, accidents and near misses
- Evaluate the emergency response
- Develop recommendations for improvement
- Update risk assessment plan
- Communicate the investigation findings
- Internally and Externally
- Track corrective and preventative actions
- Learn from past events



6. Safety Assurance

The pipeline operator shall demonstrate the proper application of its PSMS and progress toward effective risk management and improved pipeline safety performance through:

- **Audits**
- **Evaluations**
- **Employee Reporting and Feedback**
- **Analysis of Data**
- **Performance Evaluations**
- **Evaluations of Maturity of PSMS program**
- **Evaluations of Safety Culture**



Safety Culture

- The collective set of attitudes, values, norms, beliefs and practices operator's employees and contractor personnel share with respect to risk and safety.
- *It is the GLUE that brings all of the elements together.*





Characteristics of an Organization with a Positive Safety Culture

- Embraces Safety as a core value
- Assures everyone understands the organization's safety goals
- Fosters systematic consideration of risk, including what can go wrong
- Inspires, enables, and nurtures change when necessary
- Allocates adequate resources to assure individuals can successfully accomplish their PSMS responsibilities
- Encourages Employee engagement and ownership



Characteristics of an Organization with a Positive Safety Culture (cont.)

- **Fosters mutual trust at all levels , with open and honest communications**
- **Promotes a questioning and learning environment**
- **Reinforces positive behaviors and why they are important**
- **Encourages two-way conversations about learnings and commits to apply them throughout the organization; and**
- **Encourages non-punitive reporting and assures timely response to reported issues.**



7. Management Review and Continuous Improvement

- Management review ensures the connection with top management “Tone at the Top”
- Adopting Continuous Improvement process is *Critical*
- Should be completed at least annually by Top Management
- Yields measure of effectiveness and opportunities for continuous improvement
- The RP explicitly addresses the need to evaluate technology improvements



8. Emergency Preparedness & Response

- **Internal and external notification requirements**
- **Identification of response resources and interfaces**
- **Recognition and use of Unified Command/Incident Command Structure**
- **Safety, health, and environmental protection processes**
- **Communication plans**
- **Training and drills, including involvement of external agencies and organizations**
- **Lessons learned and improvement process**
- **Periodic review and updates**



9. Competence, Awareness and Training

- Assure competence at every level for all personnel
 - Employees
 - Contractors
 - Sub contractors
 - Management
- Communicate responsibilities and authority for each member
- Create confidence and proactive culture



10. Documentation and Record Keeping

- **Data**
 - Data and communication drive the PSMS
 - High quality and current Data is the basis for decision making and should be readily available across the entire organization
- **Documentation**
 - Provides the dual purpose of setting expectations and recording results
 - Includes; Policy, Objectives, Methods, etc.



Summary What PSMS Is

- **Transformative – Game Changer**
- **A holistic approach to pipeline safety**
- **Framework of 10 elements based on positive safety culture and executive involvement**
- **System for continuous assessment and improvement (Plan, Do, Check, Act cycle)**
- **Structure to optimize use of resources to manage pipeline safety**
- **Scalable**



Summary

What PSMS Isn't

- A regulatory requirement – is **NOT** incorporated by reference into pipeline safety regulations
- One size fits all approach to safety practices
- One-and-done or check-the-box type of activity
- Method to place blame after an incident
- Yet another safety program or competition with awards for “good behavior”
- Quick fix approach to pipeline safety



Safety Management Systems Wrap Up

- **SMS requires:**
 - Intentional and systematic actions
 - Diligence and oversight
 - Involvement at all levels - communications
 - “Go and Check” attitude
- **The Rewards of a properly implemented SMS are:**
 - Enhanced pipeline safety
 - Increased process efficiencies
 - Increased system reliability
 - Reduced Costs



Questions?



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