Benchmarking Management of Change Practices in the Process Industry

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ABSTRACT

Management of Change (MOC) is a relatively recent procedure that was mandated by the OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM) regulation. The performance-oriented nature of the PSM regulation allows for a wide variety of procedures or practices, which have been implemented in an attempt to comply with the MOC section of the PSM regulation.

A benchmarking project was recently carried out by the Mary Kay O’Connor Process Safety Center in order to determine the baseline for various MOC activities. A questionnaire about MOC practice was sent to over 50 chemical and petroleum refining companies. The object of the questions was to identify the diversity of MOC application within the chemical processing industry. This paper presents the results of this benchmarking study.