ACCIDENT REPORTS MAY NOT TELL US ALL WE NEED TO KNOW

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Abstract

Accident reports often miss some of the lessons that can be learned. We should try to read between the lines and look for the recommendations that might have been made but, for various reasons, were not. They may not have been foreseen or there may have been reasons for deliberately excluding them, such as reluctance to embarrass colleagues or reluctance to admit that a similar accident had occurred before but had been forgotten. Examples are described.