



# Ten Years of Living Risk Based Process Safety

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- 40 years in process safety and risk assessment
- Conducted 100s of PSM system design/implementations, audits, incident investigations, HAZID/HAZOP/LOPA/QRAs, best practice reviews, and safety culture evaluations
- ABS Group manager for the BP-Baker Panel PSM reviews
- 80+ articles and books on PSM and risk management, including CCPS Guidelines on
  - **Risk Based Process Safety**
  - **Implementing PSM, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**
  - **Management of Change**
  - **Guidelines for Hazard Evaluation Procedures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**
- CCPS Fellow and recipient of MKOPSC Merit Award

# Discussion Outline

- RBPS background
- Essence of RBPS
- Ways RBPS has been used
- Misconceptions, misuse and possible future improvements
- Closing remarks

# RBPS Background

- CCPS published its original 12 PSM elements in 1989 and followed it with 3 other management system books thru 1994
- A lot of experience and lessons were learned from then thru 2005; CCPS wanted to update its PSM framework to be useful to industry as a thought and action leader for the next 20 years
- RBPS came about for two reasons:
  - **To be able to generate better results with fewer resources**
  - **To provide a “target” and an approach for companies of all needs to implement, correct, and improve PSM systems**

# RBPS Development Process

- 20 subcommittee members representing the process industry
- 16 peer reviewers
- 2+ year effort that:
  - Surveyed PSM/ESH systems from around the world to identify good features
  - Benchmarked with over 60 companies in three workshops to compile leading practices, improvement idea, and metrics
- 760-page guideline written by a team from ABS Consulting

# RBPS Subcommittee and Co-Authors

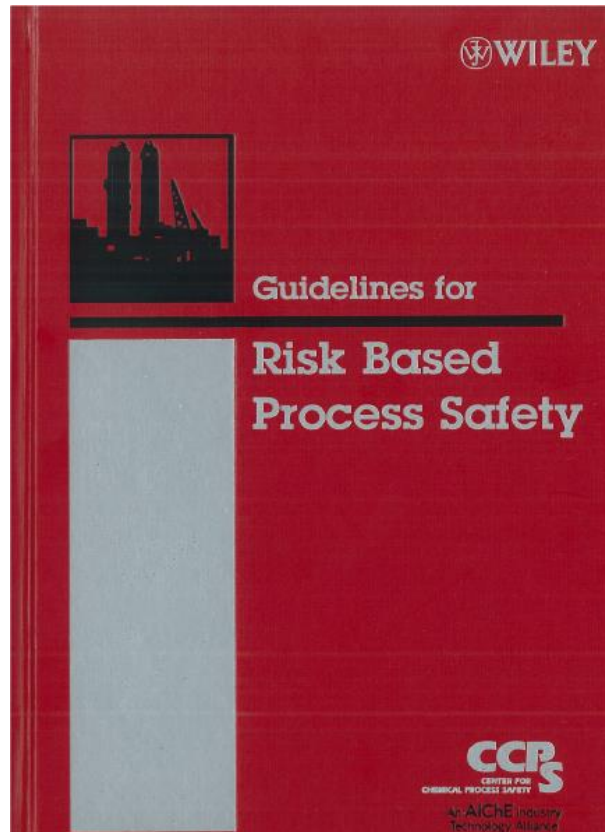
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# Guidelines for *Risk Based Process Safety*



# The Essence of Risk Based Process Safety

- Management systems should be the simplest that they can be while still being fit-for-purpose
- Consider the following when determining management system “rigor”
  - **Perception of complexity, hazard, and risk**
  - **Demand for the system results and the resources required to deliver them**
  - **Current company/facility culture**
- To design, correct, and improve process safety management activities
- RBPS elements can be used throughout the company, plant or project life-cycle



# RBPS System Element Resources

- **Element**

- **Key Principles**

- Essential Features

- **Possible Work Activities**

- ❖ **Implementation Examples**

- Performance Improvement Practice

- Efficiency Improvement Practice

- **List of metrics – LEADING and lagging**

- **Management review items**

# RBPS Elements – Relationship to OSHA PSM

RBPS Element	New Element	Expanded Scope	Improved Practices
Process Safety Culture	✓		
Compliance to Standards	✓		
Process Safety Competency	✓		
Workforce Involvement		✓	✓
Stakeholder Outreach	✓		
Process Knowledge Management		✓	✓
Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis		✓	✓
Operating Procedures			✓
Safe Work Practices			✓
Asset Integrity and Reliability		✓	✓
Contractor Management			✓
Training and Performance			✓
Management of Change		✓	✓
Operational Readiness		✓	✓
Conduct of Operations	✓		
Emergency Management			✓
Incident Investigation			✓
Measurement and Metrics	✓		
Auditing			✓
Management Review and Continuous Improvement	✓		

# Applications of RBPS during First 10 Years

- Ways that RBPS has been used
- Most frequently adopted new elements/practices
- Most under-used elements and practices
- Uncertainties from companies about how/whether certain PS aspects are addressed
- Ideas on how to improve RBPS framework and approach

# Ways that RBPS Has Been Used

- **Improve/optimize HSE/PS Management Systems**
  - **Design/implement new system**
  - **Add new elements/upgrade existing elements with new element activities**
  - **Fix broken system – metrics, work activities and implementation options**
  - **Improve existing system – improvement and Management Review ideas**
- **As primary PSM framework**
- **As a Process Safety competency training program framework**
- **As best practice assessment/audit protocol**
- **As organizational culture assessment basis**
- **Basis for RCA structure**
- **Built detailed key process workflow diagrams**
- **Translated into other languages – Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese**
- **Other applications? - Benchmarking Risk Based Process Safety Egg (RBPS Temple + 2 Universes) Against "The Art of War"**

**Most Frequent**  
**Occasional Use**  
**Rare**



# Misconceptions/Uncertainties

- Use of "max" implementation options as basis for audit protocol
  - Elements Possible Work Activities were defined with a range of implementation option from minimal to very detailed
  - Some who developed audit protocol used the most detailed option as the implementation standard for determining nonconformance – not taking into consideration the hazard/risk/complexity, resources and culture needs of the specific company/plant circumstances
- How leadership commitment is addressed in RBPS – part of culture element
- How Human Factors is addressed in RBPS – put into relevant elements, not as a single “cross-cutting” element by itself
- Use of “all/many” element metrics provided in each element chapter

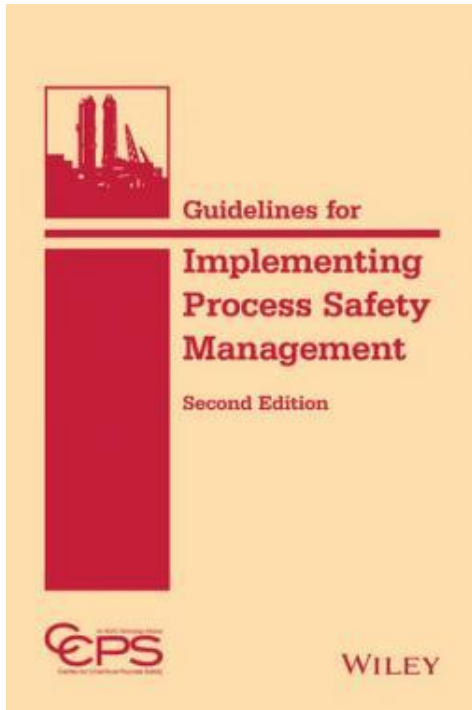
# Underused Elements/Aspects

- Process Knowledge Management – applying for knowledge
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Conduct of Operations (CONOPs)
  - For explicit list is areas where workforce Operational Discipline is key
  - Especially for management operational discipline
- Efficiency improvement ideas contained in each element chapter
- Develop a key process/workflow for each HSE/PSM element using RBPS work activities as design toolbox
  - Good for a specific company or facility
  - Difficult for an industry/organization to if need “spectrum” in broad

# Improvement Ideas for the RBPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

- Update/streamline leading indicator metrics
- Update performance improvement ideas
- Update efficiency improvement ideas
- Address Cybersecurity and resilience somehow – other new elements?
- More explicit use for design organizations and capital project management
- Direct toward use as a means for achieving Operational Excellence
- When will RBPS 2.0 be needed?
  - Probably not for a few years; the current edition is “still being discovered” by certain regions and industries

# CCPS Guidelines for *Implementing PSM 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed*



## Laundry

- Commit to Process Safety
- Understand Hazards & Risk
- Manage Risk
- Learn from Experience

### RBPS Design Criteria

- Hazard/complexity/risk
- Resources
- Initial culture

### Elements

- Key principles
- Essential features
- Work activities
- Implementation options
- Improvement ideas
- Metrics and MR

## Gas Station

- Safety information
- Hazard analysis/JSA
- Procedures
- Training
- Emergency response
- Investigation
- Audits

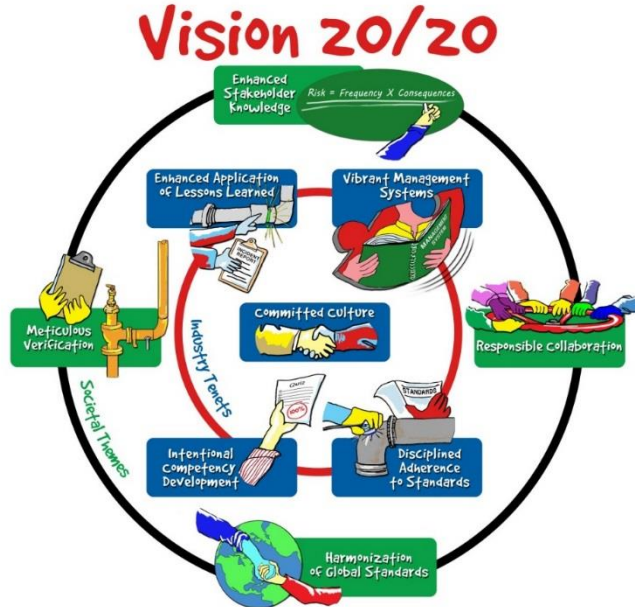
## Low Hazard/Simple

- Ensure management cares/resources
- Ensure employees care
- Demonstrate stakeholder commitment
- Know what you operate
- Reduce or eliminate hazards
- Understand individual risk
- Know how to operate
- Know how to maintain
- Control changes
- Prepare/respond/manage incidents
- Monitor/act on internal learning
- Monitor/act on external sources

## High Hazard/Complex

- Culture
- Standards
- Competency
- Involvement
- Outreach
- Knowledge
- Hazards/Risk
- Procedures
- SW Practices
- Integrity
- Contractors
- Performance
- MOC
- Readiness
- Discipline
- Emergencies
- Investigations
- Metrics
- Auditing
- Management Review





- Industry Tenets
- Committed culture
- Vibrant management systems
- Disciplined adherence to standards
- Intentional competency development
- Enhanced application and sharing of lessons learned

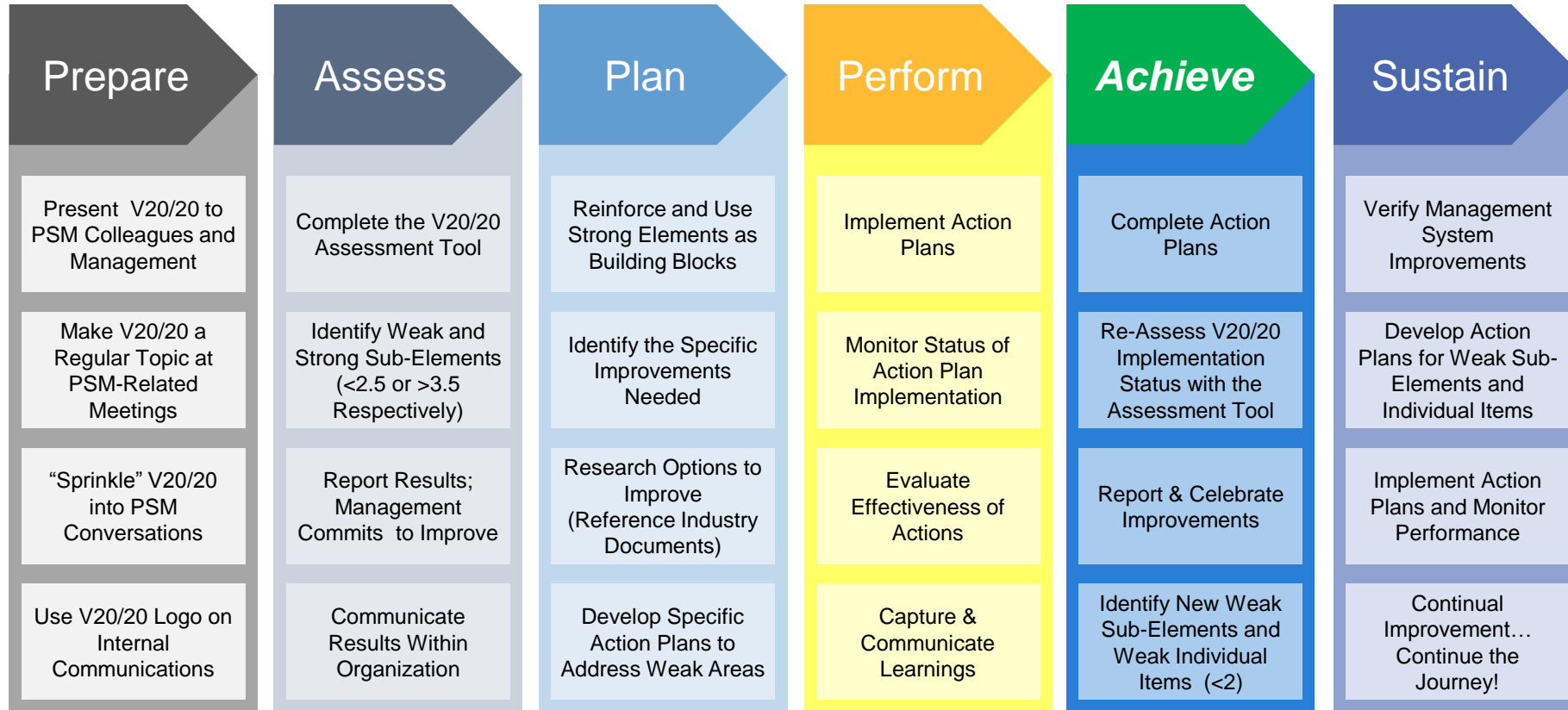
## Societal Themes

- Enhanced Stakeholder Knowledge
- Responsible Collaboration
- Harmonization of Standards
- Meticulous Verification

## Assessment Tool

Vision 20/20, developed by the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), looks into the not-too-distant future to describe how great process safety is delivered when it is collectively and fervently supported by industry, regulators, academia, and the community worldwide; driven by the five industry tenets; and enhanced by the four global societal themes.

## Implementing the Industry Tenets...



Today

2020

# RBPS Trivia



Dedication	1
Bosses	2
<b>RBPS Criteria</b>	<b>3</b>
Pillars	4
Authors	5
Contributors	7
Figures	8
Reviewers	16
Elements	20
Subcommittee	20
Tables	26
Total People	48
Acronyms	65
Key Practices	78
Terms	99
References	117
Management Review Items	207
Index Terms	219
Improvement Ideas	306
Metrics	319
Essential Features	319
<b>Work Activities</b>	<b>622</b>
Pages	760
<b>Implementation Options</b>	<b>2,042</b>
Paragraphs	9,017
Lines	29,604
Words	254,233
Characters	1,450,964
Spaces	1,703,022
MSWord File Bytes	5,253,632
Priceless	RBPS source





# Dedication



Guidelines for High Hazard Process Safety

*Dedicated in the memory of*

Lester H. Willenberg

1929 – 2022

Les was among the first employees of the Center for Chemical Process Safety and was a major contributor to its success. All who knew and worked with Les remember him for his knowledge, his courage, and for his love of life. Although he is gone, his smile is still with us.



# Closing Comments

- Use RBPS to help “Manage generational change” in Process Safety
- Rediscover use of the RBPS toolbox
- Recommend CCPS implement online RBPS use/needs survey for near future to capture needs and improvement ideas for RBPS 2.0 or ...whatever...

