Linking critical competencies with major accident hazards

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Quantifying Risk, Delivering Safety

- Core services include:
 - Development and Review of Safety Cases
 - Major hazard quantitative risk assessment
 - Consequence modelling, including Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - Technical safety assessments
 - Fire engineering, including 3D fire and gas detector mapping
 - Workshop facilitation (HAZID, ALARP, Bow-Tie, etc.)
 - Reliability assessments
 - Ageing plant management
 - Independent review and expert witness

Introduction

Competence is important

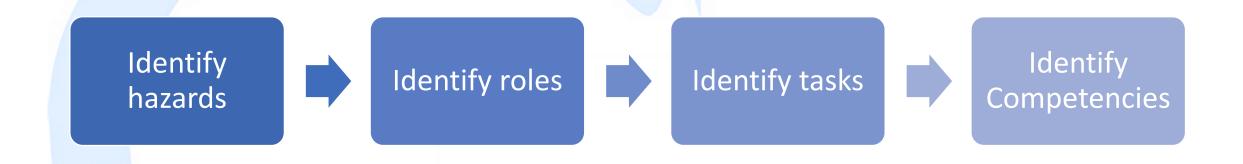
But....

Everything can contribute to the risk therefore we can't see the wood for the trees

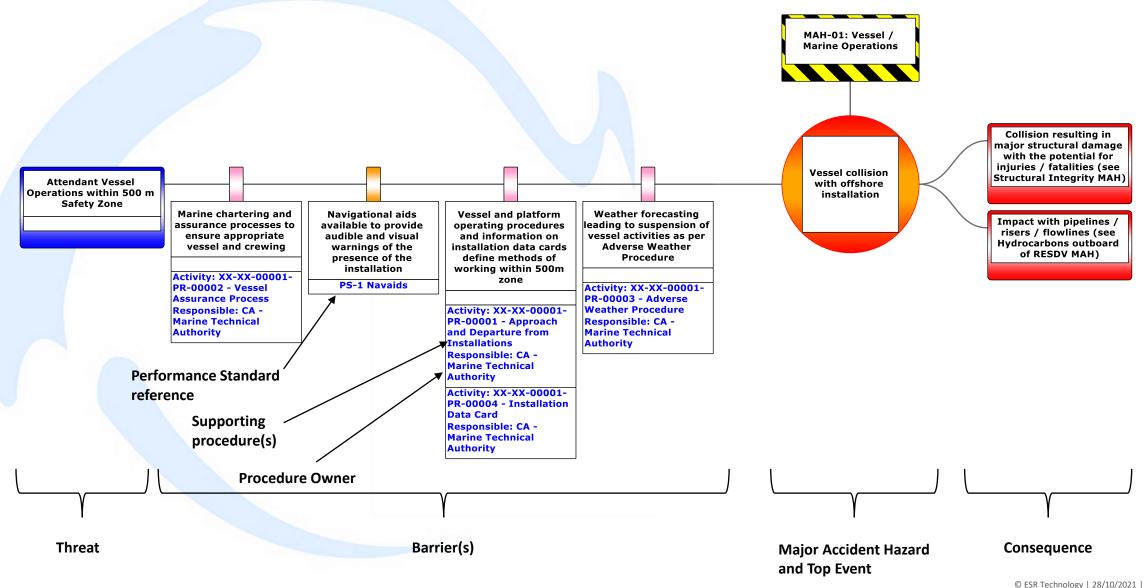
Training course

The role and associated competencies of senior managers, including Technical Authorities, is often overlooked

Typical approach to Competence Management



Identify Hazards



Procedure Types

Broadly:

- 1. A management process e.g. MOC, ER
- 2. Covering a physical process e.g. isolating and reinstating plant.

Identify Roles

Senior Management

Accountable for major accident hazard management

Technical Authority

Typically, although not always, the procedure owner

Discipline Engineer (office based work)

Typically the procedure author

Discipline Engineer (site based work)

Examples include Responsible Person Electrical, Integrity Engineer, Health and Safety Advisor, etc.

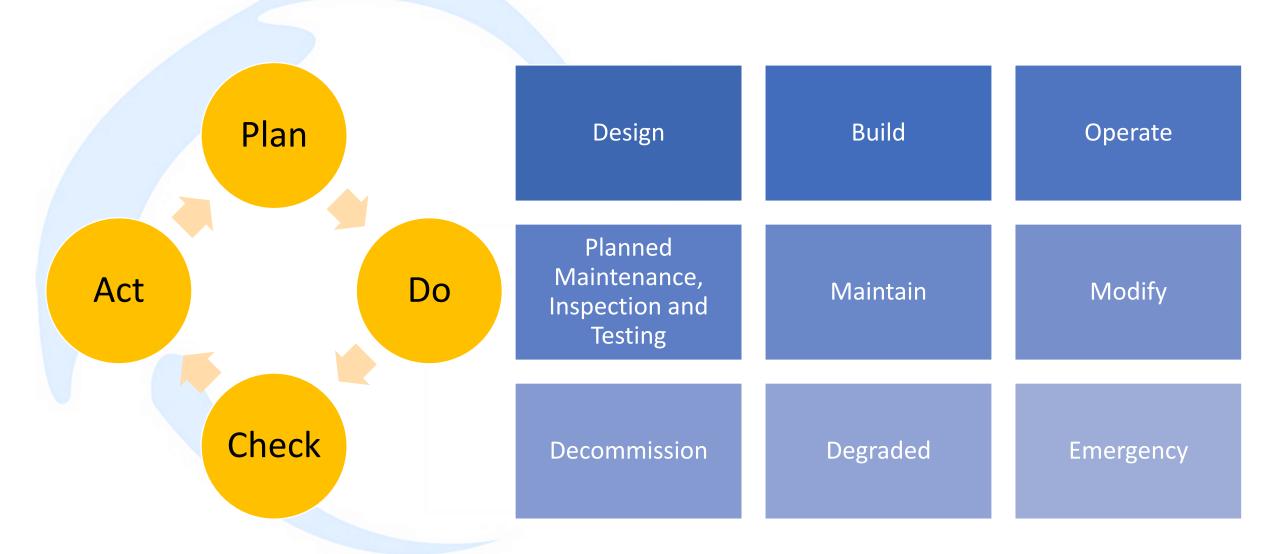
Site Supervision

The person responsible for supervising the task

Technician

The person responsible for carrying out the task

Identify Tasks - Approach



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Lifecycle	Element				
	Plan	Do	Check	Act	
Design	Define requirements & resources	Design to meet requirements	Verify requirements achieved	Approve for construction	
Operate	Operating procedures & resources	Start-up, operate & shutdown to fulfil operational requirements	Operating envelope	Respond to events (e.g. alarms)	
Maintain	Maintenance plans & resources	Repair/ replace	Return to service checks (e.g. leak check)	Evaluate planned MIT strategy	
Modify	Plan change via Management of Change (MOC) process	Make change	Verify change as agreed	Evaluate change & update records	
Degraded	Assess impact of degradation and develop strategy	Implement controls	Monitor system and controls	Continual review until degradation is rectified	

Example Task Output – PDCA Lifecycle

Lifecycle	Element					
	Plan	Do	Check	Act		
Design	Define scope of Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure	Write the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure	Confirm Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure is practical and effective	Endorse Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure		
Operate	Recognise when the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure shall be used - any vessel entry to the 500 metre Safety Zone	Follow Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure	Review and approve pre-entry checklist and monitor limits for operations (working location, heading, significant wave height, wind speed, visibility, etc.)	Troubleshoot, rectify, refuse entry		
Maintain	Plan reviews to check information is up to date and procedure is keeping up with industry good practice (e.g. Procedure for Offshore Marine Operations (GOMO))	Review	Audit to confirm reviews are taking place and are effective	Update details if not current (following audit).		
Modify	Ensure all changes to the procedure follow MoC	Update Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure	Complete MoC	Issue updated Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure		
Degraded	Recognise that situations may exist where it is necessary for the vessel to operate on the windward side of the installation. Additionally, a failure may be revealed within the approach and departure checklist. In such situations a risk assessment shall be performed	Vessel Master and OIM approve risk assessment	Confirm mitigation measures are good enough	Continual review		

Example Competence Output – High-level Competencies

Senior Management

- •Understand that marine operations within the 500 metre Safety Zone are a Major Accident Hazard and understand how they are controlled in practice.
- •Recognise where procedures sit within the hierarchy of risk controls (reliance of personnel to follow the procedure).

Technical Authority

- •Understand that marine operations within the 500 metre safety zone is a major accident hazard. In particular, knowledge is required of the installation's collision risk study.
- •Knowledge of the implementation of the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure subject matter expert.
- •Knowledge of applicable good practice regarding marine operations within the 500 metre safety zone, including relevant information to include within a marine data card.
- Ability to carry out audits.
- •Incident investigation.
- •Able to review and interpret marine related Failure Mode and Effect Analyses and Dynamic Positioning operational windows.

Site Supervision

- •Knowledge of the implementation of the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure.
- •Knowledge of risk assessment understand that there may be periods when a vessel may have to work on the windward side of the installation or may suffer an equipment failure.
- •Knowledge of the weather related trigger points within the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure.
- •Understand the criticality of installation based positioning reference aids, in particular that obstruction or movement could result in a loss of position.
- How to respond in an emergency situation when a vessel is approaching or departing

Technician

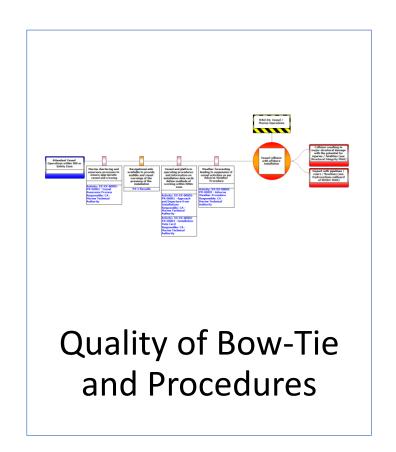
- •Able to monitor and interpret weather data (wind speed, visibility, significant wave height, etc.).
- •Knowledge of the trigger points within the Approach to and Departure from Installations procedure.
- •How to respond in an emergency situation when a vessel is approaching or departing.

Limitations





MAH awareness



Conclusions

