

Tips to Streamline Your PHA (And Your Investment)

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Regulatory & Project Implementation Changes Lead to Need for Streamlining



Regulatory Challenges – PHAs have become more complex, and quality must remain the **TOP** priority

Capital Projects are Changing

- **Financial pressures to accelerate project** schedule, avoid unnecessary revalidation, and challenges during start-up
- Use of Package Vendors to accelerate project schedule and compartmentalize design work
- More (and Geographically-Separated) **Stakeholders** – Increased spreading of financial project risk over many companies



Understanding your system complexity will help determine if the **lower-effort** methodologies (Whatif/Checklist) are more cost effective for your system.

- **Early** scheduling of a PHA study will ensure all required members are present
- > Facilitator
- > Scribe
- > Operations
- Process **Ensure Instrumentation/Controls and SEMS/Rotating Equipment Specialist is** available during session time Ample time for P&ID walkdown and
- verification of revision to be used during study

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•Team Invitation & Schedule	•Conduct Final Des. Review	•F \ F
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Objectives and Scope		
Scope		

- PHA session time is NOT meant for the design changes
- **Detailed documentation of scenarios reduces time** spent during revalidation PHAs
- Ensure recommendations are cost effective and open ended
- Consider removing scribe support during LOPA • In the absence of PFDs, DCS screen-printouts can
- provide clarity in the process
- **During in-person PHAs, completion of checklists** remotely may significantly reduce travel costs



Planning/Preparation for HAZOP/LOPA

SCHEDULING

FACILITATOR/SCRIBE

- Must be qualified, experienced, and prepared
- Noding P&IDs and pre-populating causes prior to the study date
- Review of Process Safety Information (PSI) received early to identify any potential deficiencies
- Determine PHA methodology based upon scope of work of system/process
- Technical scribe ensures detailed documentation of nuanced team discussion
- Allows facilitator to focus on driving the team towards relevant discussion while maintaining pace

- Process Parameters Pressure, Temperature, Composition
- Scenarios involving specialist equipment
- P&IDs to ensure accurate depiction/configuration
- Instrumentation/Controls specialist review and verification of **control logic** depicted on the P&IDs

Final Tips

Spending more time during the preparation phase will significantly reduce the session time and follow-up time

PRINTOUTS/HANDOUTS

- **Ensure all members have access to** the following PSI/PHA documents:
- Risk-Ranking Matrix
- P&IDs/PFDs
- > LOPA Data Tables
- Facility Siting/Human Factors Training

Arrive EARLY to ensure NO technological deficiencies that prolong session time

PHA Venue PFD / C&E Causes Reference Materials •P&ID / PFD

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

- **Ensure the following PSI is reviewed prior to the** study:
- Process Flow Diagrams (PFDs)
- Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs)
- Cause and Effect Matrices
- Instrumentation Setpoints
- Relief Valve Design Basis Documentation
- Site Layout
- > PSSR/MOC
- Previous Incidents/Recommendations
- Session time should be spent on identifying hazards, not looking up PSI

SPECIALIST SUPPORT

 Provide SEMS/Rotating Equipment with the following to ensure minimal follow-up time is required following a study:

Day of PHA Study

PHA TRAINING

- **Effective presentation to new** members reduces time spent throughout the study
 - Clear and concise, with an emphasis on consequences WITHOUT safeguards
 - Provide sample scenario that is system-specific



to perform the PHA directly study.

- to the Facilitator
- the entire screen clearly

Arrange Team to Optimize Participation

REMOTE CAPABILITIES

- Remote capabilities can ensure all personnel that need to be brought into the study are effectively involved
- **Extra monitors and cameras can be** used to effectively engage the members in the room with the remote members
- Microphone and speaker selection can ensure minimal delays in **communication** with online members
- Ensure adequate connections for power and communications and sufficient bandwidth

