Preview of Updated CCPS Incident Investigation Guidelines

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ABSTRACT

Since the original incident investigation guidelines were published in 1992 by the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), significant changes have taken place in the performance expectations and incident investigation practices used in the chemical process industry. The CCPS has undertaken a project to update the original guidelines to incorporate a stronger focus on root cause identification. Expectations of government regulators have significantly increased since 1992 as demonstrated by the Chemical Safety Board root cause investigations. Many organizations have modified their internal investigation management systems to respond to these new standards. This paper will highlight the significant changes to the CCPS investigation guidelines as well as recent industry practices.