Human Factor FR experience

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Evolution of concerns on industrial safety



Some numbers for France

In France, between 1992 and 2012:

- ~I0 500 accidents
- 55 % due to human factor
 - Flaws in the organisation (36 %)
 - Insufficient knowledge of the process (18%)

In 2012, the human factor was identified as the main cause for 374 industrial accidents out of 604.

In 2022, the share of accidents due to human factor is still high (> 30%)

Breakdown of causes in % of accidents for which the cause is known



Scope of human factor analysis



The French methodology: Ω 20

Simplified model for human interactions with the environment:

- I. Observation and detection
- 2. Analyse and conclusions
- 3. Action

Human factor needs to be considered together with other factors: e.g. the **technology** and the **organisation**.



Step I: audit of human-based safety measures



Step 2: analyse of human-based safety measures

- What makes a valid human-based safety measure?
 - Independence: the safety measure should be independent from the cause of considered accident
 - Efficiency: the safety measure should work efficiently within a given <u>context</u> and a given <u>timeframe</u>
 - **Response time**: the response time should be sufficient to act on the chain of events leading to the accident

Step 3: level of confidence

- Ω 20 guidelines define a **methodology** to determine the adequate level of confidence
- The level of confidence is established taking into account various configurations, linked to how humans interact with the environment:
 - Gathering information
 - Analysing the information
 - Deciding on the action to take
 - Performing the actions

| Probability of failure on demand (PFD) | Level of confidence | Risk-reduction factor |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| $10^{-3} < PFD < 10^{-2}$ | 2 | 100 |
| 10 ⁻² < PFD < 10 ⁻¹ | 1 | 10 |
| PFD > 10 ⁻¹ | 0 | 1 |

Regional guidance and inspection criteria

- Some local inspection services have standard inspection criteria for key roles in a typical industrial installation (e.g. production, maintenance, subcontractors, health and safety, warehouse, etc.)
- Based on the Ω 20 methodology, they established series of **questions** for each critical position, with a **score** for each question
- Questions are organised per **categories**: human factor, management of change, organisation, risk analysis, training, subcontracting...
- The total score in each category helps inspectors assess the level of implementation of the SMS (insufficient / acceptable / good)

Results from last national inspection campaigns

- 600 inspections on safety management system:
 - 180 non-compliances found
 - 85 formal notice letters sent to operators
 - 5 penalties with monetary fines
- Specifically on subcontracting: 293 inspections
 - 150 non-compliances found
 - 11 formal notice letters