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"Implementation of Plan-Do-Check-Act review of an Onshore Oil and Gas Operator's Corrosion Management Policy and Actions"

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About the Presenters

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Corrosion Management Guidelines were used as the basis for the audit of a large onshore Middle Eastern oil field. The purpose of the study was to perform a detailed review of the corrosion monitoring and mitigation systems and to promote any required upgrades to ensure world class/excellent asset integrity performance.

The approach taken to the study was to follow the UK Health and Safety Executive's guidance for 'Managing Health and Safety', HSG651 (2013), of PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT, which considers both Technical and Systems approaches associated with manging assets safely.

This is a closed loop planetary model commencing with a high-level Corporate Policy for health and safety, under which there is a Policy and Plan for managing corrosion and integrity. The model ends with lessons learned which feeds back into the corrosion and integrity Policy and Plan to ensure risks are managed to 'As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).

The study highlighted a distinct pattern in the working practices of the operator with virtually all sections of the corrosion management system being shown to have some form of PLAN and DO however the implementation of the CHECK and ACT stage was missing from virtually all aspects.

Q&A

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Q1. What is the benchmark/ criteria to classify the plan, do, check, act, as meeting or needs improvement?

A1. HSG 65 Guidance + EI Guidance + Own Co. Standards and other Industry Standards.

Q2. What are the current guidelines for internal coating integrity assessment, for in service pipelines which cannot be subjected to ILI?

A2. No current guidelines. Internal Linings are considered unreliable. e.g. FBE plugging up Valves and separators is a common problem.

Q3. To what extent do you think the 'Act' can be 'Planned' e.g. what to do if the corrosion rate is high? or is each act too different.

A3. If a CR is too high can perform FFS for new req. Op. life and Test that a CI that can achieve req. rate. Also, confirmation measurement by ILI. If KPI being exceeded. First check if there is need to increase dosing. Monitor where you are, within the set boundaries.

Q4. If Residual CI measurements are not possible, how can we check if CI inhibition system is working effectively?

A4. Residuals are always important. Next best test is having Corrosion Monitoring tools in the right place and orientation + Corrosion modelling + ILI options.

Q5. Have you considered using numbers (such as 1,..4), instead of traffic lights in your score board?

A5. Generally, we have used Traffic Lighting to make it easier for Management to absorb. They will go for the Reds and consult with their employees. The human brain is better at picking up colours than numbers. Consider Human Factors – what causes people to fail. Usually, its the system fails not the person.

Q6. You mentioned looking at the materials selection in the Introduction, but I didn't see this in your review at all. Were the materials actually suitable / fit for purpose?

A6. Yes, I would say overall from our study. All Front-Line Techs we found were very good but just working so hard to stand still. System itself was a problem and it inhibited their efficiency/performance. There was a lack of S/Ware support and working 70-80 Hrs a week which not sustainable.

Q7. Many thanks Leo, an excellent talk. For RACI – do you agree that the Accountable person should also initially ensure that the SOW is correctly defined for performance by Retrievals Team ?

A7. Yes, generally we are in alignment with this additional responsibility as belonging to the Accountable person.

Q8. Good evening panel and all. I think missed a greater part of the presentation due to my presence in another meeting which ended late. Is it possible to have the Slides shared?

A8. Yes, all Slides will be shared on the Institute of Corrosion Website (Aberdeen Page) and also on our ICorr ABZ 'You Tube Channel.

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