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Introduction

Oil and gas exploration and production activities have many hazards and hazardous events associated with them.

Different tools and techniques can be used to identify and assess hazards and risks, and it is important that the approach selected is appropriate to the particular circumstances.

This International Standard identifies some of the tools and techniques that may be used for this purpose in the offshore exploration and production industry and gives guidance on how they may be applied to particular activities. This International Standard incorporates advice and guidance given in other documents used in the industry, some of which are cited in the Bibliography.

This International Standard does not provide a detailed description of the practical application of the various tools and techniques, as this will need to be specifically developed to deal with particular circumstances. In many cases expert advice from competent practitioners will be required to effectively apply the tools and techniques described in this International Standard.

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1 Scope

This International Standard describes some of the principal tools and techniques that are commonly used for the identification and assessment of hazards associated with offshore oil and gas exploration and production activities, including seismic and topographical surveys, drilling and well operations, field development, operations, decommissioning and disposal together with the necessary logistical support of each of these activities. It provides guidance on how these tools and techniques can be used to assist in development of strategies both to prevent hazardous events and to control and mitigate any events that may arise.

This International Standard is applicable to:

- fixed offshore structures;
- floating production, storage and off-take systems;

for the petroleum and natural gas industries.

This International Standard is not applicable to design and construction aspects of mobile offshore units that fall under the jurisdiction of the International Maritime Organization.

This International Standard is not intended to be used as part of certification criteria, and no defect in the management of risks should be inferred if any of the tools and techniques covered by this International Standard are not applied to an installation.

2 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following terms, definitions and abbreviated terms apply.

2.1 Terms and definitions

2.1.1

barrier

measure which reduces the probability of realizing a hazard's potential for harm and which reduces its consequence

NOTE Barriers may be physical (materials, protective devices, shields, segregation, etc.) or non-physical (procedures, inspection, training, drills, etc.).

2.1.2

control

(of hazards) limiting the extent and/or duration of a hazardous event to prevent escalation

ISO 17776:2000(E)**2.1.3****environment**

surroundings in which an organization operates, including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation

2.1.4**environmental impact**

any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organization's activities, products or services

2.1.5**escalation**

spread of the impact of a hazardous event to equipment or other areas, thereby causing an increase in the consequences of the event

2.1.6**event tree****event tree analysis****ETA**

tree-like diagram used to determine alternative potential scenarios arising from a particular hazardous event

NOTE It can be used quantitatively to determine the probability or frequency of different consequences arising from the hazardous event.

2.1.7**fault tree****fault tree analysis****FTA**

tree-like diagram based upon the application of "and/or" logic used to identify alternative sequences of hardware faults and human errors that result in system failures or hazardous events

NOTE When quantified, fault trees allow system failure probability or frequency to be calculated.

2.1.8**functional requirements**

minimum criteria which should be satisfied to meet the stated health, safety and environmental objectives

NOTE See 5.4.2 for further information.

2.1.9**hazard**

potential source of harm

NOTE In the context of this International Standard, the potential harm may relate to human injury, damage to the environment, damage to property, or a combination of these.

2.1.10**hazards register**

document providing a brief, but complete, overview of the identified hazards and the measures necessary to manage them

NOTE The hazards register also provides references to more detailed information relevant to a particular hazard.

2.1.11**hazardous event**

incident which occurs when a hazard is realized

EXAMPLES Release of gas, fire, loss of buoyancy.

2.1.12
incident
accident

event or chain of events which cause, or could have caused, injury, illness and/or damage (loss) to assets, the environment or third parties

2.1.13
mitigation

limitation of the undesirable effects of a particular event

2.1.14
procedure

series of steps to be carried out in a logical order for a defined operation or in a given situation

2.1.15
risk

combination of the probability of an event and the consequences of the event

2.1.16
risk analysis

use of available information to identify hazards and to estimate risk

2.1.17
risk assessment

overall process of risk analysis and risk evaluation

2.1.18
risk evaluation

judgement, on the basis of risk analysis, of whether a risk is tolerable

2.1.19
screening criterion

target or standard used to judge the tolerability of an identified hazard or effect

NOTE See 5.3.2 for further information.

2.1.20
tolerable risk

risk which is accepted in a given context based on the current values of society

2.1.21
top event

particular hazardous event considered in the development of fault and event trees

2.2 Abbreviated terms

CBA	cost-benefit analysis
CFD	computational fluid dynamics
EERA	escape, evacuation and rescue analysis
ESD	emergency shutdown
ETA	event tree analysis
FMEA	failure modes and effects analysis
FTA	fault tree analysis

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HAZAN	hazard analysis
HAZID	hazard identification
HAZOP	hazard and operability study
HEMP	hazard effect and management process
HRA	health risk assessment
HSE	health, safety and environment
JHA	job hazard analysis
LNG	liquefied natural gas
LPG	liquefied petroleum gas
P&ID	process and instrument diagram
PHA	preliminary hazard analysis
PEM	physical effects modelling
QRA	quantitative risk assessment
SAR	search and rescue
SIL	safety integrity level

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3 Hazards and risk assessment concepts

Effective management systems are required to address the health and safety aspects of the activities undertaken by all companies associated with the offshore recovery of hydrocarbons¹⁾. These management systems should be applied to all stages in the life cycle of an installation and to all related activities. Such a management system, which has been developed for environmental issues, is described in ISO 14001 [3] and the principles contained in this International Standard can also be applied to issues relating to health and safety.

One key element of effective management systems is a systematic approach to the identification of hazards and the assessment of the associated risk in order to provide information to aid decision-making on the need to introduce risk-reduction measures.

Risk-reduction measures should include those to prevent incidents (i.e. reduce the probability of occurrence), to control incidents (i.e. limit the extent and duration of a hazardous event) and to mitigate the effects (i.e. reduce the consequences). Preventive measures, such as using inherently safer designs and ensuring asset integrity, should be emphasized wherever practicable. Measures to recover from incidents should be provided based on risk assessment and should be developed taking into account possible failures of the control and mitigation measures. Based on the results of the evaluation, detailed health, safety and environmental objectives and functional requirements should be set at appropriate levels.

1) For example, operators should have an effective management system. Contractors should have either their own management system or conduct their activities consistently with the operator's management system.

ISO 13702 [2] introduced the concept of strategies, but stated that such strategies do not have to be separately documented as the relevant information may be included with other HSE information for an installation or may be contained in recognized codes and standards that are relevant to the operating location. Indeed there can be significant overlap between strategies and other HSE information, so that combining this information into one source is likely to assist the understanding by the people on the installation of how the various measures are integrated.

The results of the hazard identification and risk assessment activities and the decisions taken with respect to the need for, and role of, any measures required for risk reduction should be recorded in strategies.

Hazards identification and risk assessment involves a series of steps as described below.

- a) **Step 1: Identification of the hazard**, based upon consideration of factors such as the physical and chemical properties of the fluids being handled, the arrangement of equipment, operating and maintenance procedures and processing conditions. External hazards such as ship collision, extreme environmental conditions, helicopter crash, etc. also need to be considered at this stage.
- b) **Step 2: Assessment of the risk** arising from the hazards and consideration of its tolerability to personnel, the facility and the environment. This normally involves the identification of initiating events, identification of possible accident sequences, estimation of the probability of occurrence of accident sequences and assessment of the consequences. The acceptability of the estimated risk must then be judged based upon criteria appropriate to the particular situation.
- c) **Step 3: Elimination or reduction of the risk** where this is deemed to be necessary. This involves identifying opportunities to reduce the probability and/or consequence of an accident.

These three generic steps are inherent in all the methods which are described in this International Standard.

In selecting the appropriate hazard identification and risk assessment tools and techniques, the nature and scale of the installation, the stage in the life cycle and experience of similar installations should all be considered. The level of effort devoted to hazard identification and risk assessment should be based on the anticipated level of risk, the novelty of the undertaking and any limitations in knowledge.

Where the more complex, structured review techniques are used, the uncertainties in the assumptions used must be appreciated and considered when assessing necessary risk-reduction measures. It is important that uncertainties in the assumptions are well documented and communicated to the personnel who are using the results of the hazards and risk assessment to assist in decision-making.

For new installations or activities it is important to identify hazards as early as possible, in order that sufficient time can be given to the study and evaluation of the hazard before determining the most appropriate solution to manage it. It is always easier to make modifications early in the design stage of a project, when changes can be made with minimal effect on cost and schedule.

Hazards and risk assessment can also be applied to existing facilities, but in some cases changes that would be justified during design may not be practicable for an existing facility. As an example, improvements in layout concepts may not be practicable for existing facilities. The work necessary in undertaking modifications to an existing facility in itself introduces an additional risk of an accident which needs to be considered.

Figure 1 shows approaches with differing levels of complexity that may be used for hazards and risk assessment.