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Pipeline safety and regulatory compliance challenges

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An effective Digital Safety Management system for pipelines

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Safe and effective pipeline operation requires awareness and management of many linked activities. Such activities can then become complex processes that must be performed consistently and effectively. Examples of such activities include design, construction, operations, maintenance and integrity management.

A Digital Safety Management system is the key to closing safety gaps which can lead to infrequent yet catastrophic accidents.

An effective Digital Safety Management system:

- Provides a clear, current overview of all planned and in-progress work on a facility
- Enables operators to plan more effectively and to complete both routine and ad-hoc maintenance tasks more efficiently
- Reduces risks both to personnel and to the facility itself
- Minimizes incidents and costly downtime
What is Digital Safety Management?
Introducing Digital Safety Management

AVEVA's Digital Safety Management solution is a comprehensive, data-centric Work Permit solution designed to minimize and mitigate operational risks for each work order activity by ensuring every new construction project, maintenance or repair task in addition to regulatory O&M inspection are performed safely and consistently.

Incorporating regulatory requirements, company and industry best practices, Digital Safety Management supports a company’s O&M initiatives and drives improvement within each of the company’s pipeline safety programs. It enables digitalization and streamlining of safety work processes that allows better control of the inspection, maintenance and modification work, leading to improved operational safety and efficiency of its plants and pipeline operations.
Benefits of Digital Safety Management

Among the many benefits of a strong Digital Safety Management program are reduced safety risks, increased standardized processes across multiple assets, reduced operating costs through saved labor, and audit trails that adhere to regulatory requirements.
High level overview of the workflow – Digital Safety Management

Digital Safety Management

- Work Order
- Start
- Tag Hierarchy
- Work Permit
- Risk Assessment
- Safe Job Analysis
- Plot Work Location
- Suppl. Forms
- Isolation Lists
- Visual Isolation using P&ID
- Plot Plan Overview
- Isolate (LOTO) in Progress
- Work in Progress
- De-Isolate

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- CoW details for each work order
- For Work Order:
  - Create Permit
  - Create IP
  - SJA List
  - IP List
  - WP List

- Create Work Permits
  - Work permit form
  - Plot work location
  - Process and sign
  - Print permit
  - Duplicate permit
  - Link to SJA
  - Link to IP
  - Isolation lists
  - Attachments

- Create Isolation Plans
  - Equipment to be isolated
  - Process and sign
  - Print IP
  - Duplicate IP
  - Link to WO
  - Isolation lists
  - Attachments

- Create Isolation Lists (Mechanical & Electrical)
  - Print ISL
  - Process and sign
  - Link to WP
  - Build isolation list
  - P&ID View
  - Attachments

- Create events or Experience Transfer
  - For Events:
    - Link tags
    - Auto create logs
    - Print
    - Attachments
    - For Exp. Transfers:
      - Process ET
      - Print
      - Copy events from shift log
      - Attachments

- Create Safe Job Analysis
  - Checklist
  - Tasks
  - Meetings
  - Link WP
  - Process and sign
  - Duplicate SJA
  - Print SJA
  - Attachments

- Create Collection
  - Link WP
  - Process
  - Attachments

- Create Risk Assessment
  - Link tag
  - Link WOs
  - Link to WPs
  - Process and sign
  - Attachments

- Create Lesson Learned
  - Link tag
  - Process and sign

- Navigation history dropdown
  - Link to all entities

- Home page

- My Work
  - Link to all entities

- Awaits your actions
  - Link to all entities

- View Plot Plans
  - Link to WPs
  - Create Information Plot (IPP)
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1. Permit management

Permit management is the glue that holds together all parts necessary to support for an effective Change Management program. A work permit is created for each activity requiring Change Management protocols. Within the Digital Safety Management system, the supporting tasks are then routed to the necessary stakeholders responsible for ensuring the work activity. Elements connected to each work permit typically encompass isolation planning, safe job analysis, collections, risk assessments, lessons learned, visual plot plans, and shift handover when a work permit carries over consecutive shifts through completion. After the work is completed, the work permit is archived for future reference purposes and meeting regulatory auditing requirements.
2. Risk assessment

Each activity associated with a work permit carries a degree of complexity, level of severity, and a consequence should the activity fail to be performed properly. The risk assessment module is a configurable risk matrix that provides insight into the complexity of the task being performed and the level of experience, qualifications, and management approvals necessary to be involved in the work permit planning, approval, and work execution process.
3. Isolation management

The isolation planning module in the Digital Safety Management system allows the responsible stakeholder to create the isolation list directly from the P&ID, then submit to other stakeholders for review and approval in advance of the work being performed. Through mobile extensions, the isolation list can be accessed by the maintenance personnel. As the isolation is performed, the Digital Safety Management system can digitally timestamp and track the isolation as each step is performed with workflow management mobile extensions.

Mechanical Isolation List - built directly from the P&ID
4. Safety job analysis

A safe job analysis is essential for each work permit within a Digital Safety Management system. The Safe Job Analysis connects operational procedures to the work permit to address safe work practices to assure safe conduct of operating, maintenance, and emergency response activities that impact pipeline safety.
5. Lessons learned

Lessons learned are essential to an operator’s continuous improvement program. The lessons learned module can link every lesson learned to a work permit, tag name, or any other object ID to be reviewed by the operator based on their frequency of review. Capturing Lessons Learned in a work permit and associating them with a tag name or object ID, enables future work permits linked with the same tags or object IDs to view past lessons learned for awareness and to avoid repeat occurrences.
Digitalize permit-to-work system

Challenges
A leading oil company in Asia Pacific was facing challenges with its existing manual permit-to-work system. The manual process resulted in a lot of communication and collaboration issues between the maintenance workers, area owners, and HSE officers. This resulted in increased operational risks and costs due to inefficiency and poor documentation.

Solution
AVEVA’s Operational Safety Management solution was deployed to digitalize and automate the permit-to-work system. Through the unified system, the company created an online permit-to-work system that streamlines and standardizes the safety work processes in all facilities across multiple sites.

Benefits:
- Facilitates the remote monitoring of the maintenance activities at a central location
- Improves control of the execution of inspection, maintenance and modification works at plants
- Improves the safety of its plants’ operations and compliance with relevant safety regulations
- Reduces insurance premium due to lower operational risks
Digitalize inspection process

Challenges

A global oil major was facing challenges with its inspection and maintenance process for Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI). Planning the inspections required a high level of skill in interpreting 2D drawings in order to identify high risk areas and then validating these in the field before passing this information to the risk-based inspection team. This process caused further delay in assessment, resulting in costly downtime.

Solution

AVEVA’s Information and Operational Safety Management combined with AVEVA Mobile Operator were deployed to digitalize and streamline these inspection activities, eliminating the need for multiple visits to the field to carry out corrective maintenance. The improved digital inspection process reduces the risk of further deterioration or failure leading to production outages.

Benefits:

- Overall improvement in the effectiveness of CUI programs
- Reduce inspection costs by up to 20%.
- Time spent in the planning process reduced by up to 60%
- Reduce field trips by up to 70% leading to lower Health, Safety, Security and Environmental (HSSE) exposure
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Why partner with AVEVA?

AVEVA’s portfolio of software solutions for the Oil & Gas industry is uniquely positioned to drive digital transformation initiatives in the engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of pipeline assets. With more than 50 years of industrial software innovation and 23 years of experience in Digital Transformation, AVEVA has an unmatched ability to understand the challenges faced by the Oil & Gas industry, offer advanced technologies to empower more efficient and unified business environments, and provide the best execution approach to implement a digital roadmap that aligns with each customers’ individual objectives.

**Our Differentiators**

1. **Where we add value**
   - Help customers save $90M-$320M/yr implementing asset performance, planning & scheduling and optimization
   - A vast industrial software portfolio that enables optimization of the integrated value chain
   - Higher digital maturity and combined value across the asset and operations lifecycles

2. **Our credentials**
   - World leader for Pipeline monitoring and control software
   - 23+ years in Digital Transformation
   - 70% of the America's pipeline mileage
   - More than 900K miles of pipeline

3. **Our understanding of your challenges and needs**
   - Guarantee environmental and public safety
   - Adhere to changing industry regulations
   - Environmental sustainability
   - Stay competitive in the digital age
   - Make better decisions faster

4. **Our approach to digital transformation**
   - People, Process & Technology-in that order
   - A holistic approach which empowers all personnel with the right enabling technologies and training to transform work

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