

2 Day's Virtual Workshop on "Enhancing HSSE Awareness" for HPCL POL Terminals/Depots (13^h and 14th July 2020)

The mission of OISD is to assist the Oil and Gas industry to achieve the highest standards in safety by conformance to the standards of safety and risk management, adopting the best practices and minimizing losses while achieving sustainability. The audit is a part of the Safety Management System of an organization.

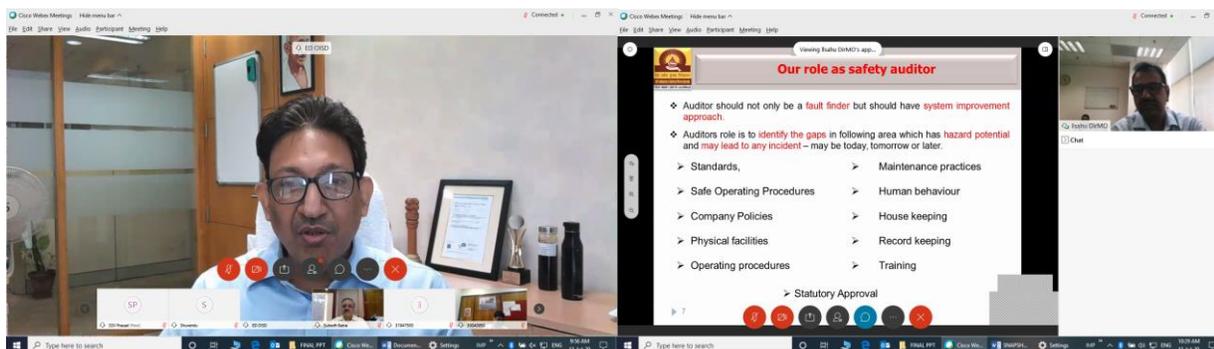
OISD conducts External Safety Audit (ESA) of POL locations once in every 5 years. Though OMCs also carry out the Internal Safety Audit (ISA) of POL locations on an annual basis, it is observed that many observations/recommendations of ESA are not being identified in the ISA. The review of ISA reports also point out that environment-related auditing needs further improvement. These gaps indicate that the competence of Internal Auditors needs to be enhanced by improving their HSE awareness.

Therefore, a 2-day virtual workshop was carried out from 13th to 14th July 2020 for HPCL POL locations with the theme as "Enhancing HSE Awareness" of the Internal Auditors. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, **OISD for the first time in its history carried out the entire 2 day workshop through video conferencing platform.**

The virtual workshop was attended by 90 no. of participants comprising HSE/M&I/TAS role holders & In-charge of locations from across the country as well as senior officials from Zone/HO/ Corporate HSE. Taking the opportunity of a virtual workshop, all 78 no. POL Terminals of HPCL participated in the workshop.

1st day of the workshop started with playing of HPCL Safety anthem. Shri Subodh Batra, ED (Operations & Distribution)-HPCL gave the welcome address & highlighted the important role of OISD in improving the safety of an organization and requested all participants to interact with and learn from senior officials of OISD during the workshop.

Shri Arun Mittal, ED-OISD gave a keynote address to all participants. He lucidly explained the need for strengthening the internal auditing system to improve the safety performance of an organization. He cited many best safety practices followed by overseas multinational companies like Life Saving Rules and reporting of unsafe acts and practices. He stressed the importance of taking effective corrective action while complying with the recommendations which will ensure that observations will not repeat in future audits. He focused on the importance of complying with the environmental requirements of an organization which helps in improving the brand image of the company. ED (O&D) thanked him for bringing out the need for continual training of officers on HSE awareness to achieve NIL accidents at Location.



Shri LL Sahu, Director (MO), OISD gave a presentation on “Guidelines on carrying out Internal Safety Audits”. He informed that the OISD standard on auditing: OISD-GDN-145 is under revision. He covered the roles and responsibilities of Internal Auditors as well as the methodology to carry out Internal Audits in detail which was well appreciated by the participants.

Shri D. Kalyan Verma, Jt. Director (MO-POL) gave a presentation on “Safety Management System (SMS)” & explained the aim of the SMS, what constitutes SMS and what is required for its success (like the commitment of Top Management) giving reference to OISD-GDN-206 and ISO 45001:2018. The concept of “Hierarchy of Controls” in SMS was explained in detail. The participants were able to understand various administrative controls which location implements like Work Permit System, Management of change, etc.

Shri K.C. Kushwaha, Joint Director (Pipeline) gave presentation on “Cathodic Protection System for POL Jetty and PLT Pipelines” & Shri N. K. Sharma, Joint Director (Pipeline) gave presentation on Case Study on Fire Incident taking cognizance of a recent fire incident at one of the OMC location which occurred at insulating flange gasket of the pipeline.

A brief presentation on the “Significant changes done in the ESA checklist with more emphasis on Environmental aspects” was given by Shri S.K. Tiwari, Jt. Director (MO-POL).

In the afternoon session of 1st day of the workshop and morning session of 2nd day of the workshop, frequent observations/recommendations of ESA were jointly presented by Shri D. Kalyan Verma and Shri S.K. Tiwari. The discussions with participants were lively, especially on the chat box which was used by participants to ask several pertinent queries on Work Permit System, OISD-STD-244 etc.

Two case studies on major fire incidents at POL locations (fire during removal of deadstock from tank & during Tank Wagon Decantation) were presented by Shri D. Kalyan Verma and Shri S.K. Tiwari to drive home the importance of adhering to Work Permit System & SOP.

Throughout the workshop, a conscious effort was made by OISD officials to hammer the importance of adhering to Safety practices by operating personnel working at locations.

During closing session, participants gave their feedback on the virtual workshop conducted by the OISD. They requested OISD to carry out such workshops on an annual basis to enhance HSE awareness among the officers of the POL locations.

Director (MO), OISD gave the closing remarks highlighting the importance of Internal Auditing and how it helps in achieving NIL incidents at the location and achieving minimum recommendations in ESA.

The workshop was formally concluded by Shri Shuvendu Gupta, CGM (O&D) & PP-HPCL through vote of thanks to OISD officials and all participants who made the virtual workshop a grand success. He assured OISD on behalf of HPCL POL locations that information disseminated during the workshop will be utilized by the participants in effectively improving the safety of their locations.

Subsequently, 81 no. participants gave their feedback by sending the feedback forms through email. It is observed that 90% of respondents *strongly agreed* that topics presented will be useful in their work and 100% of participants recommended OISD to carry out such virtual workshops in the future too.
