



Can you have a peace of mind about your plant safe operations during holiday periods?

During the holiday season, some plants continue to operate whereas others take the opportunity to shut down for maintenance work. Amidst these situations, process hazards continue to be present in process plants and facilities. If these hazards are not properly managed and mitigated, a process safety incident could potentially occur.

During the holiday periods, organisations could be faced with reduced operations and maintenance manpower due to personnel taking leaves. This situation increases vulnerability to fatigue issues for the remaining working staff. Also, companies could experience limited support from technical staff, contractors and vendors during this period. This could affect the ability to troubleshoot and resolve critical plant problems, so as to restore safe and stable operations back on-stream.

Holidays are joyous occasions. Let us take some time to pre-emptively plan and implement necessary actions to have that peace of mind, so that our plants continue to operate safely throughout the holidays.

### What You Can Do

- Recognise that process hazards do not take holidays. Continue to be vigilant on process safety aspects of your plant.
- Arrange with colleagues on the overall leave schedule to meet minimum staffing requirements.
- Adhere to the agreed work schedule. Any change requires someone else to work overtime to cover for you. This could affect your co-worker's fatigue levels, which increases the potential to accidents.
- Understand your body clock needs and obtain adequate rest and sleep away from work.
- Clarify and understand the technical staff, contractors and vendors support protocol during holidays.
- Prepare critical equipment contingencies on standby for urgent replacement or repairs.

## Process Safety is Everybody's Responsibility!

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