



Change Management



Changes that occur in the operation or related facilities should not introduce new hazards, negatively change the risk rating of existing hazards or degrade controls. This is accomplished through a process called “change management.”

Once hazards are identified, risks assessed and prioritized, and controls implemented, management-coordinating with its workforce-systematically looks for and controls change that can increase unacceptable risk. Change that results in unacceptable risk should be managed in the same manner as any other unacceptable hazard/risk, through appropriate and effective controls.

Change Management is the process of:

Identifying changes in the organization and at the operation that may introduce new risk or increase unacceptable risk by proactively looking for and controlling change at every level of the organization and across functional areas, including emergency management.

How it works

Fundamental to effective change management is training to ensure all affected personnel have a clear understanding of what “change” requires inclusion in the management process. The change management process should apply to every functional area and every level of the organization.

The management process should include changes that are:

- Planned or unplanned
- Temporary
- Incremental or permanent

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And affect the operation's plan and/or the facilities and its:

- Processes
- Systems
- Procedures
- Equipment
- Products
- Material
- Organization
- Personnel

The change management process should include a provision to address emergencies where the full management of change is likely to be unrealistic. As such, management of change and emergency management should be closely coordinated, with the goal of ensuring emergency procedures exercised in response to a crisis or emergency do not introduce additional and unacceptable risk.

Flow of the Process

Procedures to establish the process for effectively managing change within the operation or facilities:

- Define change requiring management review. Communicate this process to all affected employees, contractors and other stakeholders.
- Develop a change management procedure that defines the “who, what, when and how” for the reviews. Define who is authorized to approve change actions.
- Ensure that the procedure includes provision to verify that change management actions have been completed and that they do not significantly result in new, negative risk.
- Integrate change management actions into the safety and health communication process to ensure all potentially affected parties are knowledgeable.
- Document change management decisions for tracking and verification purposes and for future reference.

Workbook Materials For Module 11

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Change Management Review Process

Change Management Process Manager:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Identify the Change:

Change Initiator

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Change Recommended



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Area/Department of Required Change:

- Facilities and Equipment _____
- Processes _____
- Operating Procedures _____
- Design and Construction _____
- Maintenance Procedures _____
- Materials Used _____
- Consumables Used _____
- Organization Structure/Responsibilities _____
- Personnel Changes, Training, or Competencies _____
- Individual Roles or Responsibilities _____
- Mine Design/Planning _____
- Contractor Administration _____
- Regulatory/Statutory Regulations _____
- Other _____

Business Area Affected:

- Health and Safety _____
- Environmental and/or Social Responsibility _____
- Business Continuity _____

Details of Requested Change: _____

Impacts of Proposed Change: _____

Project Administration:

- Project Name _____
- Date Initiated _____
- Date Required _____
- Policies/Regulations Involved _____
- Documentation Required _____



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Assess, Authorize and Verify Change:

Change Assessor:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Change Authorizer:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Change Verifier:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Assess the Risk – Identify & Evaluate Risks

Using the tools provided in Module 4, Fatality Prevention/Risk Management, conduct a risk assessment of the change.

Risk: _____

Likelihood (A-E): _____ Consequence (1-5): _____

Ranking:

Extreme: 1A-D, 2A-C, 3A _____

High: 1E, 2D, 3 B-C, 4 A-B, 5A _____

Medium: 2E, 3 D-E, 4C, 5B _____

Low: 4 D-E, 5 C-E _____



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Assess, Authorize and Verify Change (cont.):

Mitigating Controls: _____

Residual Risk Rank: _____

Test/Trial Required: Yes _____ No _____

Date: _____

Duration: _____

Findings: _____

Authorization Required: Yes _____ No _____

Audit Schedule:

Date: _____

Frequency: _____

Authorize the Change:

Change Management Process Required: Yes _____ No _____

Sign Off Required:

Name: _____

Department: _____

Received: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

Received: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

Received: Yes _____ No _____



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Assess, Authorize and Verify Change (cont.):

Documentation Required:

Document Name: _____

Completed: Yes _____ No _____

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Completed: Yes _____ No _____

Document Name: _____

Completed: Yes _____ No _____

Change Management Plan:

Responsible Person: _____

Department: _____

Implementation Schedule: _____

Subject Experts/Participants:

Implementation Plan: _____

Training Required: Yes _____ No _____

Responsible Person: _____

Subject(s) to Cover: _____

Persons/Departments to Train: _____

Schedule: _____

Training Plan/Method: _____



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Assess, Authorize and Verify Change (cont.):

Communication/Info Sharing Required: Yes _____ No _____

Responsible Person: _____

Subject(s) to Cover: _____

Persons/Departments: _____

Schedule: _____

Communication Method: _____

Verify the Change:

Change Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Change Management Plan Followed: Yes _____ No _____

Risk Mitigating Controls in Place: Yes _____ No _____

Training Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Communications Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Change Evaluated and Audited against Additional Risk: Yes _____ No _____

Findings: _____

Continued or Future Evaluations: Yes _____ No _____

Schedule: _____

Description: _____

Responsible Person/Department: _____

Documentation Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Sign Offs Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____