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## Chevron Enhances Safety Culture with Enterprise-Wide Incident Analysis and Reporting System

Chevron, one of the world’s largest integrated energy companies, is renowned for its leadership in protecting people and the environment. Its proven commitment to “getting results the right way” – The Chevron Way – is enabled through an Operational Excellence Management System that is utilized at every level of the organization. Operational Excellence (OE) at Chevron entails a culture of safety and environmental stewardship that strives to achieve world-class performance by operating responsibly and applying innovative technologies to track and measure performance.

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By 2011, Sphera IMPACT was implemented throughout Chevron. Nearly 6,000 employees and contractors in the upstream business and all of the downstream business’ 20,000 plus workers now use the system to log and track any incident that occurs at their facilities.

### CHALLENGE

- Enhance corporate HES performance analysis and reporting
- Strengthen incident management workflow
- Enable incident response and prevention with data-supported analytics

### SOLUTION

Sphera Operational Risk Solution™ with *Sphera IMPACT ERM®*

### RESULTS

- Established enterprise-wide system with 26,000+ users to improve incident analysis/reporting workflow
- Enhanced HES business intelligence across the enterprise
- Provided HES KPIs for quarterly and annual corporate sustainability reporting based on GRI, API/IPIECA guidance
- Continually standardizing and driving efficiency – e.g. archiving 12 systems for Management of Change (MOC)

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“We are on a journey,” said Wilfred Beijers, IMPACT Team Lead at Chevron. “It began with compliance, of course. We had to assure compliance with regulations and standards. Beyond that, however, our goal is to be a learning organization. IMPACT is a critical enabler for us to learn from our incidents and near misses. We use it as the primary data source, feeding into a data warehouse that we call DART, the Data Analysis and Reporting Tool. DART mines top-quality incident data and workflows from Sphera to provide corporate-level trend analysis and reporting. Together, IMPACT and DART are providing us with the HES business intelligence that we need to not only provide high-level summary views, but also look deeper into the data so we can draw conclusions and take action.”

By creating a unified enterprise incident management system – with DART connecting two instances of Sphera IMPACT ERM as well as legacy incident management applications – Chevron’s HES IT team can now provide the rest of the company with:

**Quality Data** – Chevron developed a global data dictionary and 30 master data lists to ensure consistency. Users can easily determine, for example, the number of head vs. back injuries, or refinery vs. depot fires, and take appropriate mitigation steps. Staff can easily spot quality issues and comprehend significance of data.

**Historical Trend Analysis** – DART provides ready access to tens of thousands of incident records in legacy systems, dating back to 2002, and now standardized for comparison. DART utilizes flexible cube architecture that structures incident data to optimize reporting and analysis while standardizing, caching and enabling on-the-fly data roll up.

**Transparency/Accountability** – Incident data is aggregated upward to provide company managers and executives with overviews of safety performance across the company. Decision-makers have the ability to drill down into the records to view who is involved in the investigation, the root causes of the incident as well as any actions taken to prevent recurrence.

“With IMPACT, we have engaged employees at all levels of our organization in the incident data reporting workflow,” said Beijers. “We use it to show them how to properly investigate an incident, capture team leaders’ responsibilities, get managers to sign off, conduct quality reviews and all of the other things we do to manage incidents and promote learning.”

When the HES team built workflows into the downstream business line’s Sphera system, they based it on LPS® or Loss Prevention System®, a mature and well established process. The upstream business involved managers and subject matter experts to re-design the workflow in the Sphera system to add additional rigor, accountability and ability to communicate learnings.

Chevron has established the DART warehouse as a trusted one-stop source for corporate HES information. For the HES team, it is a business intelligence engine – the tool that they use to review, analyze and report on HES performance to drive continuous improvement of core business operations.

Advanced reporting from DART is essential for not only assuring compliance – with a host of government regulations (e.g., OSHA), industry standards (e.g., ISO) and even stricter Chevron corporate policies – but also tracking HES key performance indicators for monthly and annual corporate sustainability reporting.<sup>2</sup>

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For Chevron’s business units, DART is a central repository for facility-level incident data from across the company that has been collected through IMPACT, as well as corporate-level and historical data. HES analysts use live data in DART on a daily basis. The company is currently piloting a dashboard capability that provides summary views of HES performance with charts and graphics while also enabling managers to drill down into the data mined from IMPACT and analyzed in DART, to make immediate decisions.

With IMPACT and DART, we spend more time on analytics and decisions instead of data preparation,” Bollinger said. “That’s what you need if you want true HES business intelligence.”

“On our journey, we have continually standardized HES systems and processes and we are still doing it,” agreed Beijers. “As part of a new Management of Change project, for example, we expect to archive another 12 systems so there will be efficiency gains in our effort to operate incident-free – that’s the real ROI.”

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