

Criteria for Permit to Work

Budget constraints and fragmented responsibilities for industrial risk management mean buyers of Operational Risk Management (ORM) software seek out the most comprehensive integrated functionality that can be met by Control of Work software. To help operations decision-makers identify the best value, Sphera presents a series of content outlining the (4) levels of functionality required of Control of Work software: Isolations Management, Job Hazard Analysis, Permit to Work and Shift Management.

According to independent analyst and consultant, Verdantix, Permit to Work (PTW) represents



of the core functionality required to satisfy an effective, complete Control of Warten Land



Here we present the top 8 criteria required for managing work permits, and we outline how each component could operate in a best practice scenario.

Activity description

The permit should ensure the activity is clearly defined and all controls are in place to manage the identified hazards. The appropriate level of authority should review and approve that work is safe to commence. The controls in place will support safe work execution.

Digital Permit to Work workflows

Standard workflows drive the approvals process to ensure relevant personnel are involved in approving the work to start. This process begins when the work is identified, scheduled into the plan with an understanding of the scope of work and all safety-related dependencies identified - including isolations, scaffolding, and rigging.

Permit status tracking

Monitoring the status of work is critical in any operational environment where situations can dynamically change; therefore, it is important to have a clear, real-time understanding of the operational reality.

Activity change implementation

As dynamic change happens, the activity needs to stop and be re-assessed and evaluated for new or changing sources of risk. and additional controls may need to be put in place.

Translation into multiple/local languages

Safety information should always be available in local languages to ensure clarity. No assumptions should ever be made that could lead to a risky situation.

Permit compliance

Compliance assurance is a critical part of the control process as well as to support continuous improvement. A best-of-breed solution will offer compliance tracking capabilities to drive continuous improvement.

Lateral learning

Having information at your fingertips is vital in the dynamic world of operations. Therefore, being able to quickly retrieve information from the last time the activity was carried out leads to better decision-making and efficiency.

Integration

Data and systems must be integrated to allow information to be shared across the organization.





Are you ready to implement best practice electronic Permit to Work (ePTW) leveraging the industry's leading Control of Work solution - available on premise or in the cloud? Contact us.