A Focus On Leading Indicators

•Industry has always established goals and measured those things that are truly important. These include cost, quality, schedule, production and accident rates. When we focus on accident rates we are, in effect, crying over spilled milk, events that have already occurred and for which there is no expectation of reversing.

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The Willbros Health, Safety and Environmental process remedies this traditional approach by employing the Leading Indicator Statistics Analysis (LISA) system to collect and analyze vital safety information. This information facilitates a proactive approach to HSE management by focusing on those processes that prevent accidents rather than the traditional focus on lagging indicators such as accident rates.

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The system calculates each project's and division's proactive HSE performance by evaluating the following processes as they relate to exposure hours and incident expectancy, which indicate as follows:

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- Supervisor Certification HSE competence
- Job Safety Analysis Whole job HSE hazard recognition and mitigation
- Pre-Task-Planning HSE focus on the immediate assigned tasks
- Hazard Identification and Correction -Employee participation in the HSE process
- Near Miss Investigation Hazard recognition and mitigation surrounding events that could have caused injury or property loss

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- Management Walkabouts High level management participation and visibility in the HSE process
- Toolbox Safety Talks Employee exposure to larger HSE issues in the industry while demonstrating management's commitment to HSE issues
- Self Assessments Front-line management participation and visibility in the HSE process
- Quarterly Training Assessments Supervision's active and documented evaluation of employee HSE performance and training needs

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- Disciplinary Action Supervision's willingness to correct unsafe behaviors and enforce Willbros HSE policy
- General Training Management's commitment to meeting the HSE training needs of employees
- Lagging Indicators Higher injury rates indicate the need for employing even more proactive tools for HSE improvement than normally required
- Accident/Incident Investigation Commitment to learn from past mistakes that future incidents may be avoided

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- Accident Reporting- indicates organizational discipline and rapid medical resource allocation to injured employee
- Safety Committee Meetings- indicates management/craft interaction in solving HSE issues
- Environmental Inspections- indicates management's commitment to preserve natural resources
- Total LISA Score- a weighted average of all measured leading indicators

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Utilizing this system, the proactive processes of any level of the organization can be tracked both transparently and seamlessly within any chosen time frame. The system provides both improvement recommendations and fixes accountability in a format which is both comprehensible and effective.











