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Fields of Competence

Process Hazards Analysis (PHA)
Safety Instrumented System (SIS) Engineering
Layer of Protection Analysis (LOPA)
Safety Integrity Level (SIL) Selection / Verification
Safety Requirements Specifications (SRS)
Test Plan Development
Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT)
SIS / FGS Validation and Site Acceptance Testing Functional
Safety Assessment (FSA) / PSM Auditing
High Integrity Protection System (HIPS)
API RP 556 Fired Heater Compliance Audits
Quantitative Risk Analysis (QRA) / Fault Tree Analysis
Process Control Network Cybersecurity Analysis

Experience Summary

Mr. Weil has over forty three years of experience in the oil and gas industry and thirty three years of experience in the design and implementation of engineered safeguards, such as regulatory control safeguards, safety instrumented systems, and alarm systems in the process industries. Mr. Weil is a Senior Consultant of Kenexis and is responsible for engineered safeguard design basis development and verification/validation projects. In his current position, he is the Kenexis Houston Texas Regional Manager and has solid experience with over 230 SIS implementation and risk analysis projects for a variety of process plants in diverse world-wide locations. Mr. Weil's career has been diverse in the petroleum and chemical industries including overseas work in Trinidad, Scotland, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Singapore, Thailand, Bangladesh, India and China. His experience includes the design, installation, programming, commissioning and start-up of distributed control systems, and safety instrumented systems. Mr. Weil participated in the early PLC development of input and output diagnostics for the safety instrumented systems prior to this function being available with the vendor equipment. Mr. Weil has also worked in the development of process control and safety instrumented systems for new processes utilizing micro-channel reactors at the lab level, scale-up level, and commercial applications. Mr. Weil was a key developer for US Patent 7,445,650, "Control of Pressurized Microchannel Processes"

Credentials

ISA84/IEC 61511 Process Safety SIS/SIL Expert
Global Industrial Cyber Security Professional (GICSP)
ISA Work Group 5 BMS Standards Development Member
Safety Instrumented System – Front End Engineering Design
Parts 1 & 2
Leadership Training Execution of HAZOP Study, DOW Chemical
1996
Licensed Master Electrician, E216, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA
(1989-1999)
ITI Technical College, AS Industrial Instrumentation 1987

Key Assignments

Mr. Weil has led over 100 Process Hazards Analysis (PHA), analyzing over 30,000 deviations including over 12,500 Layer Of Protection Analysis (LOPA) to determine over 12,500 Safety Integrity Levels (SIL). SIS design projects include definition of safety instrumented functions, risk analysis to determine SIL, quantitative reliability analysis to verify achievement of SIL targets, Safety Requirements Specifications (SRS) development, and in many cases, Functional Test Plan development. Clients range from upstream oil & gas, midstream processing, downstream packaging, petrochemical and chemical facilities, and research & development facilities.

Unit type experience

- Fired Heaters API 556, NFPA 85, 86, 87
- Fired Heater API RF 556 Audits (Over 100)
- Oil and Gas Production Onshore / Offshore
- Onshore Gas Plants
- Gas Well - Pressure Protection
- Oil Pipeline, Terminal and Loading / SBM
- Gas to Liquids (GTL)
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
- Natural Gas Liquids (NGL)
- Crude / Crude Vac
- Delayed Coking
- Amine Treating / Sulfur Recovery (SRU)
- Steam-Methane Reforming (SMR)
- Hydrogen Purification
- HF Alkylation
- Hydrotreating / Hydrocracking
- Utility Boilers
- Power Generation/Distribution
- Hazardous Waste Handling Systems
- Large Compressor Systems
- Asphalt Extraction Systems R&D
- Rotary Reactor Systems R&D
- Micro Channel Reactor Systems R&D

Functional Safety Assessments (FSA)

Conduct the independent validation process for numerous SIS and Fire & Gas projects, Stage 2 & 3 including:

- Offshore Gas Platforms (8)
- Onshore Oil & Condensate Processing Facility
- FPSO, FSO
- Gas to Liquids (GTL) plant
- Gas Treating / Compression
- Gas Turbines, Power Generation
- Onshore Gas Treating Plant
- Phenol / Acetone Production Plant
- Boilers / Fired Equipment
- Live Fire Fighting Training Facilities

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Mr. Weil has participated in several accident investigations of fired equipment to identify root causes and contributing factors. These projects involve identifying potential causal factors related to fired equipment Burner Management Systems (BMS)

At a major research and development company in the northeast USA provided engineering support in the electrical power requirements, process control requirements, and safety instrumented systems requirements for commercial applications of new processes being developed using micro-channel technology. These processes included conceptual PHA, lab scale PHA, scale-up PHA, and commercial application PHA, commercial application LOPA, and SIL Selection along with SIL Verification.

At a world class emergency and safety training facility in the Middle East (Ras Laffan Emergency and Safety College) conducted conceptual SIS Design, SIL Selection, Layer of Protection Analysis, SIL Verification, Test Plans, and Startup Assistance for the Industrial Fire Fighting College - Live Fire Training Systems involving over 50 Burner Management Systems.

Developed the Functional Test Plans for the SIS on a Large Gulf of Mexico (GoM) Oil Production Platform. Project included test plans for 10+ instrument types covering over 500 SIF.

Developed Electrical Area Classification requirements for flammable liquid storage, handling, blending, and packaging systems.

Assisted a major US petroleum refiner in defining the classification of all instrumentation and identifying the safety instrument system loops in its numerous USA refineries. The first phase of assistance identified and classified all instrumentation. Second phase determined if the safety instrumented loops were in compliance with ANSI/ISA-84.00.01-2004 and met the grandfather clause or needed additional analysis. Third phase was analysis of non-grandfathered items, layer of protection analysis, and recommendations to meet the selected SIL targets.

At a major oil production facility and the largest oil field in the USA, performed Process Hazard Analysis (PHA), identified over 3600 Instrumented Protective Functions (IPF), performed over 2400 Layer of Protection Analysis (LOPA), and Safety Integrity Level (SIL) Selection for eleven facilities during a four years period from 2007 to 2010.

Development of Manual Emergency Shutdown System (ESD) for HF Alkylation Unit at 2 US petroleum refineries. Project included assessing the reliability of functionality to ESD, water deluge, and Rapid Acid Transfer.

Developed sophisticated training apparatus for demonstration of optical fire detection technologies, their integration to a PLC control system and has conducted training on Fire & Gas System (FGS) design and testing.

At a major refinery on the West coast of Saudi Arabia provided engineering support for distributed control systems and safety instrumented systems. Enhanced the "hot spares" laboratory in which all critical components were fully functional tested and rotated through the system providing proven good spares for equipment failures. Developed full functional test plans for critical instrument loops. Provide support for major on-line upgrades to the distributed control system for a total refinery system upgrade.

At one of the world's largest refinery's in Northwest India managed the distributed control systems and safety instrumented systems engineering support group. Support included problem solving, upgrading, modifications, and preventative maintenance, for one of the world's largest single integrated control systems comprised of Foxboro I/A, Triconex, Allen Bradley, and Modicon. Developed site-specific procedures to ensure job activities were performed with safe and methodical implementation.

Mr. Weil has participated in numerous factory acceptance tests and on site pre start-up acceptance tests for validation of systems.

Mr. Weil has facilitated and participated in numerous global process control network cybersecurity analysis following NIST 800-53 framework and IEC-62443.

Mr. Weil has worked with the CCSA Chinese Chemical Safety Association in implementing complete Safety Lifecycle standards at various facilities in China.

Mr. Weil has developed with Kenexis and clients API RP 556 PHA HAZOP/LOPA templates for fired heater analysis with recommendations for interim risk mitigations and future BMS (SIS) permanent risk mitigations to close corporate risk gaps.

Affiliations

International Society of Automation
ISA Work Group 5 BMS Standards Development Member
Houston Section Member 2017 - Current
Columbus Section Member 2003-2017
Safety and Security Division 2003 - Current
Columbus Section Positions held 2003 - 2017:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Delegate, Web Master, Program Chair

Christopher P. Weil**Continued****Intellectual Property Participant, Articles, and Technical Papers**

United States Patent 7,445,650

"Control of Pressurized Microchannel Processes"

United States Patent 8,460,411

"Microchannel compression reactor"

United States Patent 7,807,113

"Microchannel compression reactor assembly"

Marszal, Edward and Christopher Weil,

"Best Practices in SIS Documentation"

Lakeside/Emerson - 2014 Users Group, Toronto, CA 2014

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"SRS Safety Requirement Specification Overview"

ISA Expo Control, Mexico City, 2007

Marszal, Edward and Christopher Weil,

"Using BPCS for Protective Functions"

ISA National Show – Technical Conference, Chicago, 2005