

PEMyers Bio and Issues
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4 min intro to me (Philip)



- Over 3 decades of work in chemical and petroleum industries
- Started as process engineer, a stint in plant engineering, working with insecticides and dangerous chemicals (organo phosphates, orthene, difolitan, etc.)
- "Went to heaven" at Chevron with gold plating everywhere
- Bounced around from project controls to various projects and wanted to get into pressure vessels.
- Finally arrived, but found tanks to be the real culprit.
- Started the tank engineering standards group
- Got interested in risk, incident prevention, EHS
- Went back to school for MS in stats, then in Mathematics



My themes

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 - Risk
 - Risk based inspection
 - Fitness for service
 - API 656

Three Topics Directed to Panel

- Can industry and regulators work efficiently together? Should regulators have "skin in the game"? If so, how would that look?
- Why don't regulators trust "RBI". Throwing out the baby with the bathwater doesn't make sense. There are a lot of bad industrial actors; but there are good ones too. How to strike a balance?
- DOT and other agencies often require compliance with "old" codes and standards. That bakes in out-of-date technology.
 What's a better way of regulating?