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## **Learning from the Best: Benchmarking Process Safety Approaches of the Industry Leaders**

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### **Abstract**

In 2004 and 2005, twenty-five manufacturing companies conducted formal benchmarking studies to compare process safety practices. The study addressed approaches to implementing process safety program measurement of progress as well as approaches to management of change, incident investigation, training, and auditing. The study showed that the leaders look at process safety programs quite comprehensively and avoid a one-size-fits-all approach. This paper will discuss in detail the objectives of the study and important lessons that can be implemented by other companies that manage chemical and petroleum operations.