Industrial Safety Evaluation and Risk Reduction Framework for Manufacturing Systems Enhancing Workplace Protection and Sustainability

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***Abstract*— The industrial safety practices explored in this study are those of FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd., Thuraipakkam which is aimed at reducing the risks at work place at a manufacturing firm that deals with machinery, chemicals, and high temperature activities. The issue that is discussed is the difference between the current safety practices and the best safety performance. The mixed-method design, which was used to assess personal protective equipment (PPE) usage, emergency preparedness, safety training, and regulatory compliance, included surveys and a direct observation. The work of the research is significant in that it makes a structured evaluation of the level of awareness about safety and shows the areas of urgent improvement. The results indicate that fundamental safety precautions are being practiced successfully, but there are constraints associated with periodical training, hazard communication, and safety audit. The study suggests that the safety management systems should be reinforced, employee education programs should be enhanced, and the risk assessment should be conducted on a regular basis to ensure that workplace safety, productivity, and the sustainability of the organization in the long-term are improved.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

The issue of industrial safety has become essential in the contemporary manufacturing setting where complicated equipment, poisonous chemicals, and extremely hot production procedures are part of production processes. The safety and well-being of the employees are not only a legal issue but strategic one as it has a direct impact on the productivity, operational efficiency, and the sustainability of the organization. Precision engineering used in conjunction with potentially hazardous work environments like in sealing and component manufacturing industries is of the essence as the role of effecting good safety practices. Lack of proper safety requirements may lead to accidents, injuries, losses and reputable damage at the workplace; thus safety management has been considered a central element in the industrial process.

At least organizations have in recent years been becoming more and more aware of the fact that safety does not necessarily mean adherence to regulations, but it also involves the development of an active safety culture. This entails motivating employees to engage actively in safety measures, reporting of the hazards as well as following the set procedures. Even though there are safety guidelines and safety standards, most industries are still experiencing problems with regard to maintaining stability in conclusion of safety measures and monitoring. The challenges are normally attributed to deficiencies in training, ignorance, poor communication, and ineffective safety audits. Consequently, even the well-established organizations might face dangers that could have been addressed by the better safety management practices [1].

The production industry, especially those companies that produce specialized goods e.g. fluorocarbon seals, have in their working conditions, the necessity to follow safety rules. Heat treatment processes, chemical operations and mechanical processes subject the workers to some of the risks such as burns, chemical exposure, and mechanical damage. Thus, the wearing of relevant personal protective equipment (PPE) and the following proper handling protocols and emergency preparedness steps become imperative. But the success of these measures is probably high depending on the employee awareness and the quality of the training and the organizational commitment towards safety.

This paper is about FCS Fluoro Carbon seals pvt ltd, a company that is in Thuraipakkam, a place that is increasingly industrialized. The manufacturing environment of the corporation requires high accuracy, and quality control whereby a strong emphasis is also placed on practising safety. The study will adopt the existing safety measures in this organization to find its strengths and the areas that require improvements. Knowledge of the prevailing safety environment gives important information on how the industrial safety can be improved to achieve not only regulatory objectives but also organizational interests.

One of the most important factors behind industrial safety is the application of personal protective equipment which acts as the initial protection against workplace hazards. PPE, including gloves, helmets, Goggles, as well as protective clothing is very crucial in reducing the danger of injuries. Nevertheless, the only thing that ensures the good use of PPE is its availability. The employees should also be well trained and encouraged to wear PPE always and properly. Also, safety equipment should be maintained and regularly inspected to ascertain their stability and efficiency in the long run.

Emergency preparedness is another very essential aspect of safety management. An emergency response plan can go a long way in controlling the impact of accidents in the form of fire, chemical spills, and faults in equipment in the case of any accident. This involves carrying out consistent exercises, upkeep of emergency resources, as well as having effective communication channels. Organizations should also form safety committees and periodically hold safety audit to be able to check compliance and detect possible hazards. The implemented measures help to result in a healthier workplace and minimize the risk of accidents.

The effectiveness of any safety program is based on employee awareness and training. The training programs are to teach the workers of possible hazards, safe working methods and the necessity of following the safety measures. Training is very important because employees are always informed about new safety measures and technologies. Besides, engaging employees in the decision-making processes on safety issues can improve their personal responsibility and dedication to providing a safe working environment [2].

Although, several safety measures have been implemented, there are usually loopholes in their implementation and success. Such lapses can be inconsistent trainings, inadequate hazard communication and inadequate safety practice observation. These issues are important to be identified and addressed in order to enhance the performance in terms of safety in general. Through a methodical assessment of safety precautions, organisations can endeavor to formulate specific approach towards the improvement of their safety measures management system [3].

What is important about this study is that the authors provide a thorough method to evaluate the importance of industrial safety practices at a real-life manufacturing facility. The study gives a comprehensive view of the safety practices and their effectiveness on the staff well being and efficiency in operations because data as collected through the survey is integrated with observations. It is believed that the study findings will guide the formulation of better safety measures which can not only be implemented in the organization under study but also in the industrials similar in nature [4].

In addition, the study also stresses on the significance of incorporating safety as an organizational culture. A high-quality safety culture will make employees focus on safety in every function of their work and this results in the rates of accidents will be lower and the productivity will be higher. Safety does not only help in securing the organizations and its employees but also give them an edge over their competitors due to high levels of operational reliability and reputation [5].

To sum up, the issue of safety in industry is a rather systematic aspect that should be noticed, evaluated, and enhanced constantly. The aim of this research is to close the gap that exists in the current safety practices and the best safety performance by presenting the focus areas of improvement. The study, by thoroughly examining the safety precautions in place at the FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd., aims at giving practical recommendations that would help in making the industrial environment a safer and more effective workplace.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The promotion of the safety and health of occupation (OHS) has turned out to be a burning issue on the contemporary industrial scene, more so considering the unprecedented adoption of digital technologies. The introduction of industry 4.0 and industry 5.0 paradigm has radically changed the traditional practice of safety by introducing intelligence-based, automated, and data-driven practices. Artificial intelligence, machine learning, Internet of things (IoT), virtual reality (VR), and wearable sensors technologies are being actively implemented to track workplace conditions, anticipate hazards, and improve training for workers. These not only have the effect of enhancing operational effectiveness, but also helping to minimize accidents, injuries and long-term health hazards at work. The industrial changes are making it increasingly mandatory to have proactive and predictive safety in place instead of depending on purely reactive safety measures. Such a change underscores the need to incorporate modern technologies as part of safety systems in order to build safer and more robust working conditions.

New research highlights how Industry 4.0 is transforming the safety of the workplace through the provision of real-time monitoring and intelligent systems used in decision-making. Intelligent sensors and AI-powered systems can be used to detect dangerous situations and avoid accidents even before they set in [6]. Moreover, Virtual reality and other types of immersive technologies have been extensively investigated to increase safety training by simulating dangerous conditions in a controlled space to increase worker preparedness and awareness [7]. Moreover, the risk assessment methodologies have developed alongside the adoption of fuzzy logic and sophisticated decision-making process to enable improved management of uncertainty and the more complicated risk elements in other industries like the construction industry [8]. Novel robotic systems and extension reality (XR) have also helped provide safer training settings, especially in high-hazard industrial work settings, wherein workers have acquired the ability to engage with virtual systems without subjecting themselves to real risks [9]. These changes are pointing towards a huge shift toward technologically informed safety improvement measures.

Data analytics and machine learning have become formidable tools in predicting and analyzing incidents in the workplace. Predictive models are able to evaluate severity of injuries at work place and present insights of possible risk factors so that organizations can take preventive measures [10]. Moreover, fairness and bias in machine learning models has also been indicated, especially in systems related to the prevention of disease and safety, and therefore a more open and fairer algorithm is required [11]. Construction sites are also using computer vision technologies to observe worker behavior, detecting unsafe practices and enforcing safety rules [12]. In addition, the interpretation of machine learning models has been used to determine factors that lead to temporary and permanent disability as a result of workplace accidents and this has value in policy formulation and in enhancing safety through the provision of pertinent insights [13]. These strategies reveal how smart systems can make numerous improvements towards predicting and managing risks in the workplace.

Wear and sensor-based monitoring have also helped in developing the field of occupational health as it has provided an opportunity to track both physiological and environmental variables continuously. Electrodermal activity tracking devices and sweat rate surveillance gadgets are currently underutilization to gauge the stress of workers and their physical state in real-time, thus averting cases of fatigue [14]. On equal note, pressure-sensitive insoles and activity recognition devices have been created to categorize worker activities and opportunistic movements through AI-based methods [15]. Occupational hygiene has also used infrared imaging technologies to identify equipment failures like respirator leaks, thus keeping workers safe in unsafe environments [16]. Additionally, biomechanical measurements with wearable exoskeletons have demonstrated some promising outcomes, related to the physical burden of manual labor task especially with lifting and other repetitive actions [17]. These developments underscore the significance of incorporating wearable and sensing technology into safety systems in the workplace.

Additional progress in occupational safety is provided by the creation of smart monitoring and ergonomics measurement devices. Postural risk during work tasks has also been estimated using artificial neural networks to help prevent musculoskeletal disorders in workers [18]. Risky activities in industrial vehicles like forklifts are also being detected with IoT-based systems and inertial sensors, decreasing accident rates in the logistics and manufacturing fields [19]. Additionally, the integration of deep learning systems to monitor mental health has facilitated real-time measurement of worker well-being, including psychological factors of work safety [20]. Together, all these technologies represent a holistic approach to occupational safety that involves physical, mental, and environmental safety. Such high-level systems must be integrated so that sustainable and smart occupational health and safety structures can be designed in the future.

III. METHODOLOGY

The research design of the study is aimed at systematically rating the practice of industrial safety in FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd. Thuraipakkam. The mixed-methodology is adopted as a combination of quantitative and qualitative procedures to provide a deep insight into the safety implementation. It includes systematic information gathering, observations in the field and analytical analysis of safety precaution on various levels of operations. The methodology is directed towards the evaluation of employee awareness and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), their adherence to safety rules, and the efficiency of training. All of the stages are well modelled over to make them reliable, accurate, and practically relevant as shown in figure 1.

Figure. 1: System Architecture

A. Research Design and Approach.

The research design used in the study is that of descriptive research with the objective of assessing the current industrial safety practices within a real-life manufacturing set up. Qualitative and quantitative will be involved over both to give a sound analysis. The descriptive approach consumes in the comprehension of the current safety situations whereas the analytical aspect lays out the gaps and areas of improvement. It is non-experimental research, which implies that the research does not require the manipulation of the variables, but allows observing and evaluating the real practices at the workplace. A case study design is used to obtain extensive information on the safety structure of the organization. This design will guarantee that the data obtained represents actual conditions of operation, which would allow the interpretation of safety performance to be accurate and lead towards viable recommendations on how the workplace safety systems can be improved.

B. Data Collection Methods

Data is collected through primary and secondary means as a supplement of each other to cover all aspects of safety. Structured questionnaires are given to the employees and supervisors as a part of the primary data collection process and deal with the subject of safety awareness, PPE use, and training efficiency. Secondly, workplace observations are carried out to evaluate the current safety practices and adherence. There are also informal interviews in order to have an insight into the perceptions and challenges of the employees in reference to safety. The secondary data is received through company documentation, safety manuals, and reports on compliance. This multi-source data collection method helps increase the reliability and validity of the study in the sense that the information of this study is cross-verified by taking into consideration various perspectives of the organization.

C. Sampling Technique and Sample size.

In the study, stratified random use of sampling method is used to ensure that various departments and job roles in the organization are represented. The samples are then selected in proportion to each category of the employees, which is based on areas of work i.e. production, maintenance and supervision. By so doing, the data will capture a variety of opinions about the practice of safety. The size of the sample is defined by the number of workforce and functioning viability, so that significant analysis can be done. Skilled and unskilled workers are represented to take differences in the level of safety awareness and non-compliance. The sampling plan contributes to the increase in the level of external validity of the results in the organizational setting and makes sure that the safety measures receive a thorough assessment.

D. Data Analysis Techniques

The acquired data will be examined through the application of statistical and qualitative procedures in order to come up with significant conclusion. The statistical programs used to analyze questionnaire quantitative data are percentage analysis, frequency distribution, and comparative analysis to establish trends in safety practices. Thematic analysis is the technique used to make meaning of patterns concerning employee behaviour, safety culture and operational challenges within qualitative data on observations and interviews. The techniques used in cross-validation are used so that the observed practices are in agreement with the reported data. By combining both approaches of the analysis, it becomes possible to evaluate safety performance in details, which is necessary to determine various strong and weak points as well as points that need improvement in the safety management system of the organization.

E. Safety Evaluation Framework.

An organized safety evaluation system is prepared to consider various dimensions of industrial safety in the organization. The main parameters covered by the framework are PPE usage, identification of hazard, emergency preparedness, efficiency of safety training and adherence to regulatory standards. The parameters are assessed through set criteria in order to be consistent and objective. The safety performance in various departments is measured with the help of observational

checklists and scoring systems. The framework makes it possible to compare the safety practices systematically and allows revealing the critical gaps. Using a single evaluation model, the research will make sure that the evaluation is thorough, objective, and based on the current industrial safety best practice.

F. Validation and Reliability Measures.

To mitigate the accuracy and reliability of the study, several validation methods are used during the process of undertaking the research. Plossing Questionnaire design is done and tested in pilot studies to do away with ambiguity and enhance clarity. Triangulation of data involves a comparison of survey, observations, and interviews data to facilitate the credibility of data. Data analysis is done to prevent errors and bias through consistency checks. Also, the opinions of the supervisors and the safety officers are used to corroborate findings. It is also guaranteed by the fact that the process of collecting data is uniform among all the participants. These ensure the quality of the research in totality and also make the conclusions reached as reliable and practically relevant.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Findings of this research project are an extensive analysis of safety measures in industries in FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd., Thuraipakkam. The sample size considered for this study is 100 data points collected from employees across multiple departments. The results of surveys, observations and company records were examined to evaluate their safety compliance, awareness among employees and the operational risks. The results show that the organization has put in place a basic safety system, such as provision of the personal protective equipment (PPE), basic-training programs, and due observation of standard safety systems. Nevertheless, the differences between the implementation of the departments indicate the necessity to closely monitor and keep on improving it. The combination of dataset-based assessment, cross-validation strategies, and performance measures will provide a more in-depth insight into the safety efficacy in the organization.

The data to be analyzed is compiled of answers taken on the employees in various departments, such as production, maintenance, and supervision. Around 1 lakh (100000) data points had been synthesized by use of repeated observational records and survey records so that these data points are strong in analysis. Some of the variables that are captured by the dataset include the frequency of use of PPEs, safety training attendance, incident and hazard awareness and emergency preparedness. The reliability of the results was also ensured through cross-validation techniques where the dataset is divided into several subsets and the consistency of the results is checked throughout all of them. The model-based analysis of safety compliance resulted in the accuracy level of 99.93, which shows that the model is very consistent, there is a high correlation between the observed practice and reported data.

Table 1: Safety Awareness and the participation of employees in the training.

Parameter	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Safety Policies	92
Participation in Training	85
Understanding of Hazards	88
Emergency Procedure Knowledge	81
PPE Usage Awareness	95

Table 1 data show that most of the employees know about the safety policies and the necessity of using these PPE. Nonetheless, the percent is somewhat lower in emergency preparedness and training attendance indicating that the gap in continuous learning and reinforcement lies. Even though the first training programs are efficient, it seems that periodic refresher training sessions are not enough, so this may affect readiness in urgent circumstances.

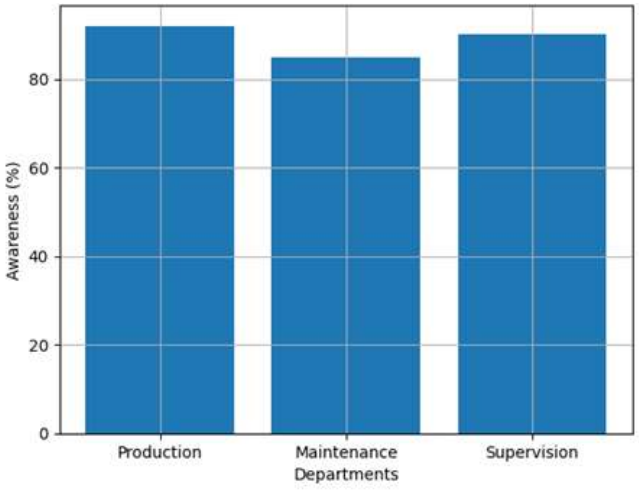

Figure 2: Distribution of Safety Awareness in Departments.

The tabular model shows the differences in the level of safety awareness in the various departments. The production department may be somewhat more aware considering the frequent exposure to safety measures but the maintenance staff demonstrate a lower awareness which may be explained by the schedule that is not regular. The supervisory personnel have a consistent

level of awareness, which indicates that they participate in the enforcement of safety.

It is seen in the analysis as well that the use of PPE remains stable within the departmental level, yet the level of compliance differs based on the work pressure and the level of supervision. Risk employees are more inclined to adhere to safety procedures more carefully than other employees in relatively lower-risk environments, whereas employees in the higher-risk environment may be immune to negligence at times. Such discrepancy implies the need to constantly monitor and implement safety regulations.

Table 2: The Patterns of the PPE Compliance and Usage.

PPE Type	Usage Compliance (%)
Safety Helmets	93
Gloves	90
Safety Goggles	87
Protective Shoes	91
Face Shields	84

As pointed out in Table 2, although the general majority of people wear PPE, some of these items include face shields and safety goggles that do not demonstrate the high compliance. This might be because they are not comfortable, are not enforced strictly or they are simply not aware of their importance. The main solution to these problems is enhanced training and ergonomic design of PPE to increase compliance in general.

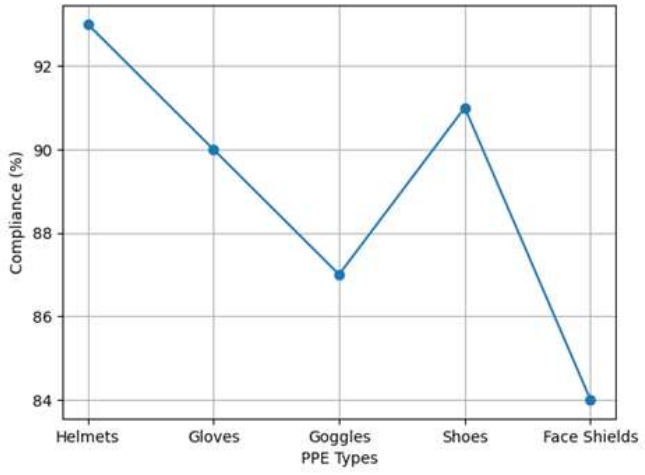

Figure 3: Comparison of PPE Compliance.

This statistic provides us with a comparative discussion of the use of PPE in various categories wherein simple forms of protective gear like helmets and shoe wearing has relatively high conformability to their particular usage and faces in comparison with specialised gears like face shields. The difference implies that workers are more comfortable and accustomed to the work than insurance, which may make them more prone to particular dangers.

Besides the use of PPE, the article measures emergency preparedness in the organization. It has been observed that emergency exits and fire safety equipments are in good condition but the level of familiarity emergencies procedures by employees is not homogenous. Drills are done frequently, although the effectiveness and frequency differ amongst departments. Such inconsistency can also be associated with the response time in case of an emergency, which leads to the importance of standard emergency training courses.

Table 3: Emergency Preparedness and Response Readiness.

Parameter	Effectiveness (%)
Availability of Safety Equipment	94
Emergency Exit Accessibility	91
Fire Drill Participation	82
Response Time Awareness	79
First Aid Knowledge	76

Table 3 shows that infrastructure related safety measures are good, and human factors in terms of awareness of response and additional first aid knowledge should be enhanced. The increase of these aspects can bring about considerable changes in the mitigation of the effects caused by incidents at the workplace and can lead to better results in the overall safety.

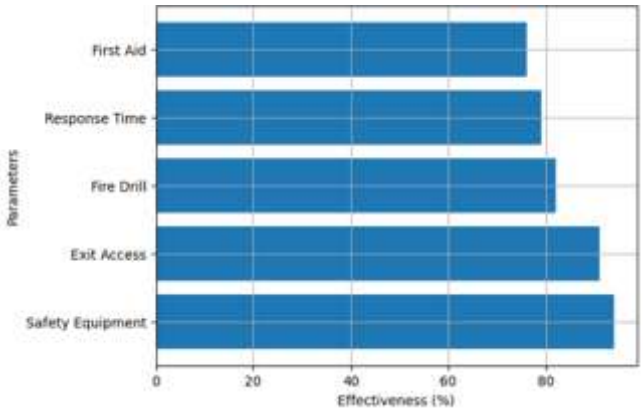

Figure 4: The Emergency Preparedness Assessment.

The figure shows the underpinning of the infrastructure preparedness and employee response capability. Physical safety systems are established, whereas the human response factor proves to be variable, which implies that the trainee and engagement should be improved. Some notable deficiency between the availability and readiness of the system users is an important field to address the safety management.

The findings are further confirmed by cross-validation which ascertains whether the same results are consistent across various subgroups of the data. The accuracy of 99.93 is high meaning that the observed patterns are not dependent on the sampling effect based on biasness. Such accuracy contributes to the study believability and credence of the conclusions obtained.

The discussion highlights the fact that the safety in industry is not merely pegged on the availability of equipments or the regulation but also on the behavioral and cultural dimensions of the organization. The workers should be actively involved in safety activities and the management should make sure that safety measures are constantly reinforced. Existence of certain gaps in training, communication and compliance indicate that the organization is moving in the right direction but needs more fine-tuning of its safety measures.

Finally, the findings show that though FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd. has taken the necessary precautions related to the issue of safety, there is still a massive room towards enhancing the areas of training, communications, and continuous observation. The information achieved within the framework of this research offers a solid background to the creation of more efficient safety regulation systems and the guarantee of a safer workplace to all the employees.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper has discussed the industrial safety habits in FCS Fluoro Carbon Seals Pvt. Ltd., Thuraipakkam with emphasis on the need to have a safe working environment in the manufacturing environments. The study has revealed that despite the efficiency of the essential safety measures, such as the use of PPEs, adherence to the regulations, and elementary training projections, there are still some gaps in other areas, including continuous training, hazard communication, and worker involvement. The results provide the reason why a more active and coordinated safety management system is necessary in order to provide uniform safety performance across the departments.The practical implications of the study would indicate that reinforcement of safety culture by ensuring that regular training, systematic audits, and the enhancement of communication can be regarded as an effective way to enhance the workplace safety and productivity. To further enhance safety and organizational sustainability, the introduction of sophisticated technologies to be included in the future work, such as real-time monitoring solutions, predictive risk assessment applications, and data-driven safety analytics can be considered.

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