# HPI 101

(How would you know you're not as good as you think you are?)

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# First law of safety

- Never take a
- Sleeping pill
- And a Laxative
- At the same time
- In any order .....



# First corollary

- Never Remove A
- Safety Barrier
- That Has A
- Dent In It



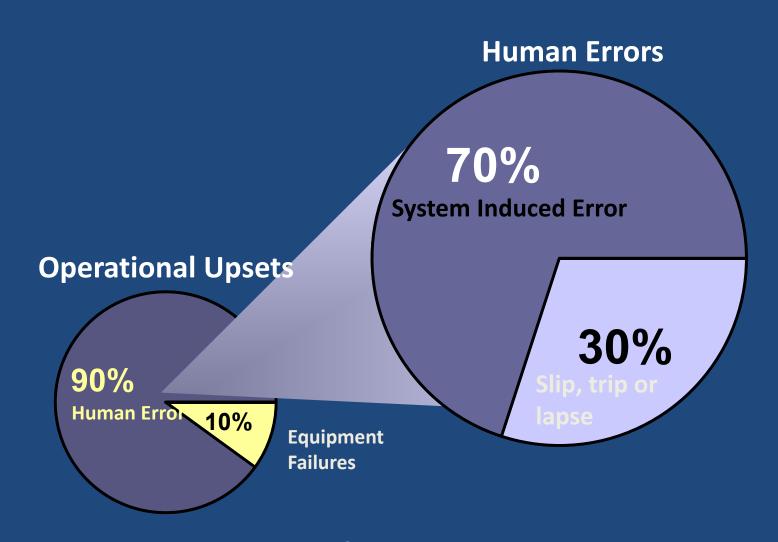
# Agenda

- Understanding Human Error
- HPI Principles
- Managing Risk
- Complexity of Socio-technical Systems
- High Performing Organizations
- Getting to Foresight



# On Human Error...





Origin of Human Error



# Error without consequence is a good thing...

It shows that our systems are error-tolerant and that they are working.

Safety is not the absence of accidents.

Safety is the capacity of defenses to fail gracefully



People Are As Safe As They Need To Be, Without Being Overly Safe...In Order To Get Their Job Done.



# Or are they?





# Complete this sentence

Kenny Is:



### PRINCIPLES of Human

### Performance improvement (HPI)\*

- People are fallible, and even the best make mistakes
- Error likely situations are predictable, manageable and preventable
- Individual behavior is influenced by organizational processes and values
- People achieve high levels of performance largely because of encouragement and reinforcement received from leaders, peers and subordinates
- Events can be avoided by an understanding of the reasons mistakes occur and application of the lessons learned from past events (or errors)



# Human Performance In A Nutshell

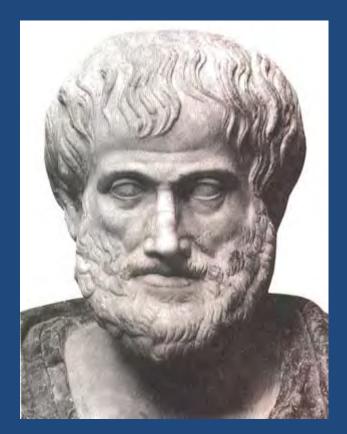
 The purpose of Human Performance is to reduce the frequency and severity of events triggered by human error\*



<sup>\*</sup>DOE HDBK-1028-2009
Human Performance Improvement Handbook

# Why Human Performance?

- "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."
  - Aristotle (384 BC 322 BC)
- "Practice doesn't make perfect; practice makes permanent."
  - Choir Director (2010)



Performance = Behaviors + Results

$$P = B + R$$

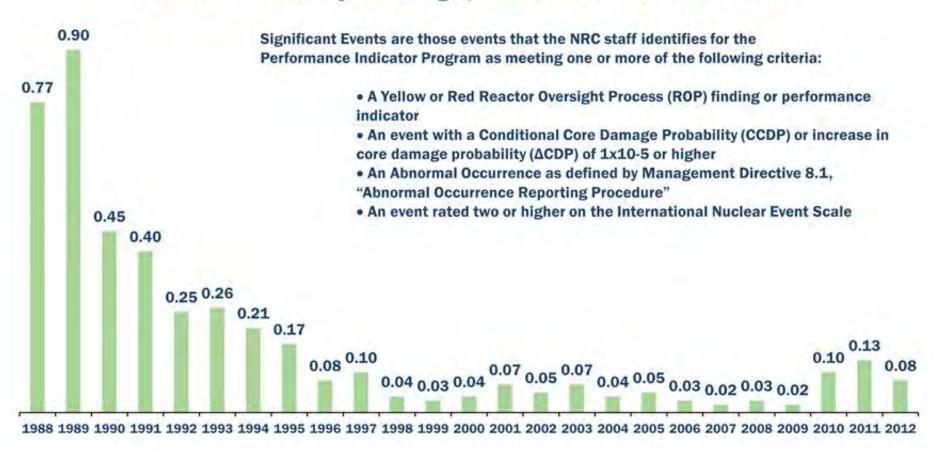


# WIIFM?



### Significant Events per Plant

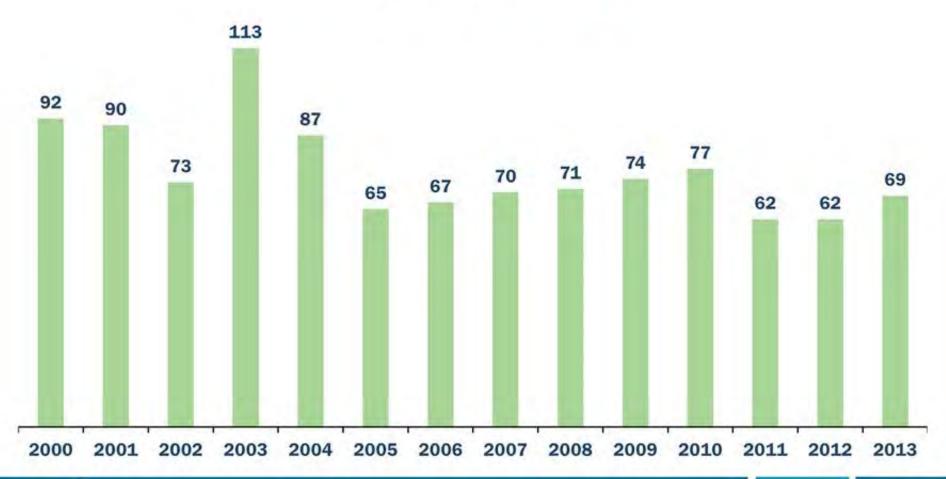
### Annual Industry Average, Fiscal Year 1988-2012



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### **U.S. Nuclear Industry Scram Trend**

#### **Total Manual and Automatic Scrams**



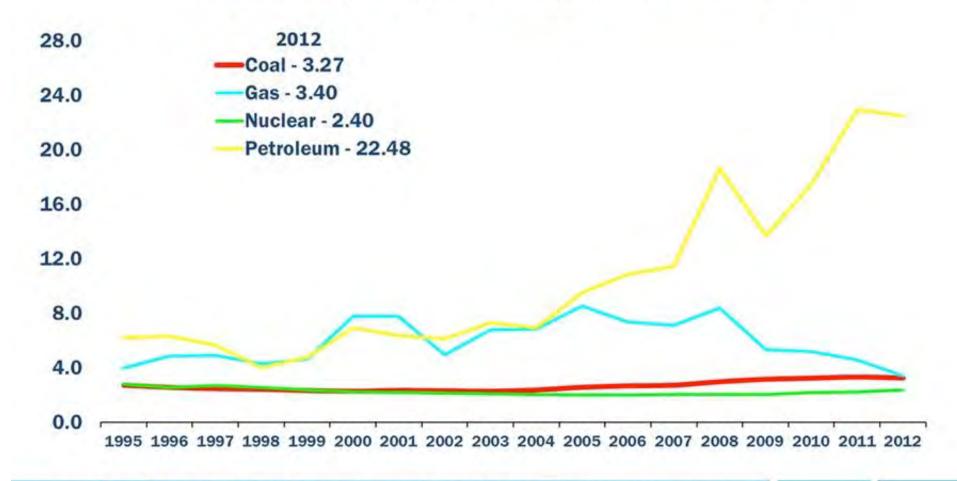
### **U.S. Nuclear Refueling Outage Days**

**Average** 



### **U.S. Electricity Production Costs**

1995-2012, In 2012 cents per kilowatt-hour



# U.S. Capacity Factors by Fuel Type

Fuel Type	Average Capacity Factors (%)
Nuclear	90.9
Geothermal	67.2
Biomass	67.1
Coal (Steam Turbine)	58.9
Gas (Combined Cycle)	50.3
Hydro	40.5
Wind	32.3
Solar	24.4
Oil (Steam Turbine)	13.1
Gas (Steam Turbine)	11.9



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### **Sustained Reliability and Productivity**

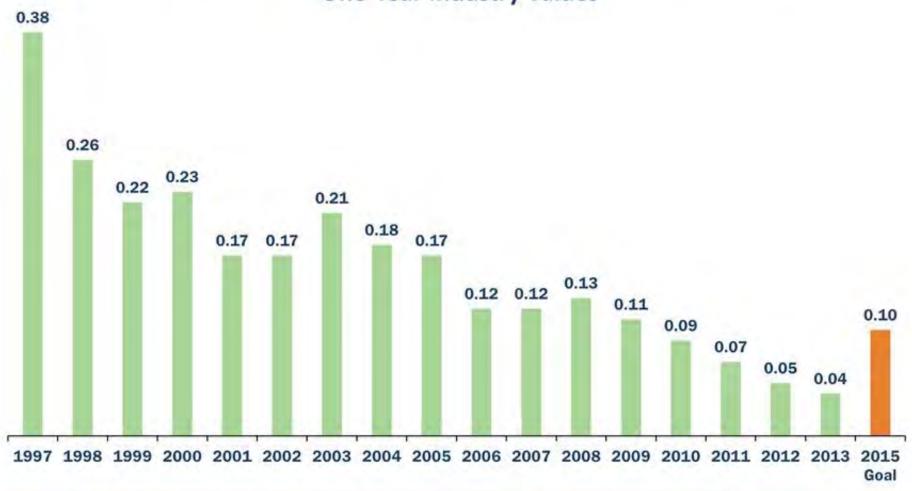
**U.S. Nuclear Capacity Factor, Percent** 



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### **U.S. Nuclear Industrial Safety Accident Rate**

**One-Year Industry Values** 



### **Human Performance**

"To understand failure...we must first understand our reaction to failure."

"People do not operate in a vacuum, where they can decide and act all-powerfully. To err or not to err is not a choice. Instead, people's work is subject to and constrained by multiple factors."

— Sidney Dekker



Worker's Don't Cause Failures.

Worker's Trigger Latent Conditions That Lie Dormant In Organizations Waiting for This Specific Moment In Time.



### Failure Defined...

"Accidents are the unexpected combination of normal performance variability"

Eric Hollnagel



#### **Accidents Happen Because:**

- What is about to happen is simply not possible.
- What is about to happen has no perceived connection to what is currently happening.
- The possibility of getting the intended outcome is well worth whatever risk there is.

# Accidents Don't Happen Because Workers Gamble and Lose...



### How We See Events

#### **Old View**

- Human error is a cause of accidents
- To explain failure, investigations must seek failures of parts of systems
- These investigations must find inaccurate assessments and bad decisions

#### **New View**

- Human error is a symptom of trouble deeper inside a system
- To explain failure, do not try to find out where people went wrong
- Instead, find out how peoples' actions and assessments made sense at the time given the circumstances that surrounded them.





"The problem with the future is that more bad things can happen than will happen."

-Plato

## Identification of Critical Tasks

 If you try to fix everything you will go broke and crazy.

 You must pinpoint the critical areas of your processes and duties to identify places which have the greatest risk and greatest value to the stability and reliability of your work.



### **Risk-Important Steps:**

procedure steps or actions that expose products, services, or assets to the potential for or actual harm.

### **Critical Steps:**

actions that will trigger immediate, irreversible harm

### All **Procedure** Steps

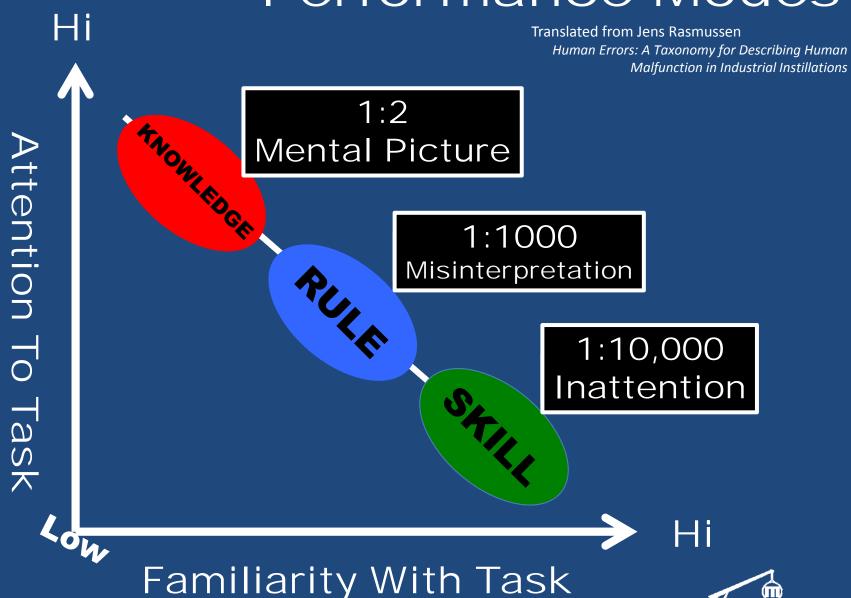
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**Critical** Steps





### Performance Modes



**Clearly Safe** to do Work

The Grey Area: Uncertain interpretation of Safe work

Clearly Not Safe to do Work

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People Discover Safety...



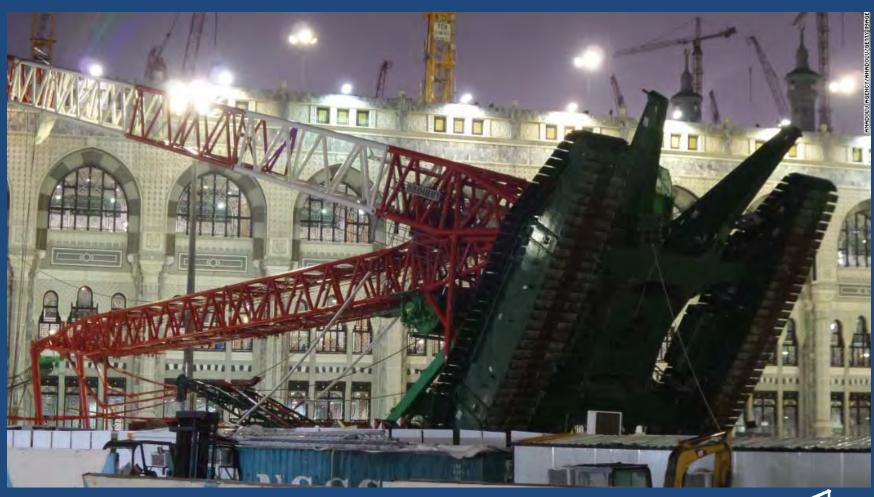












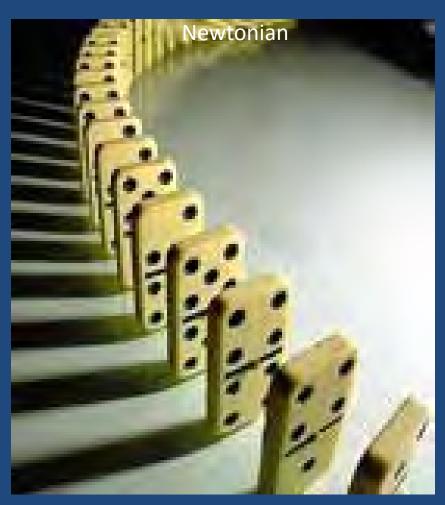


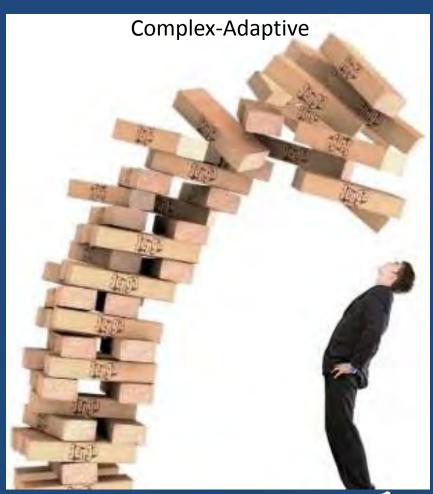


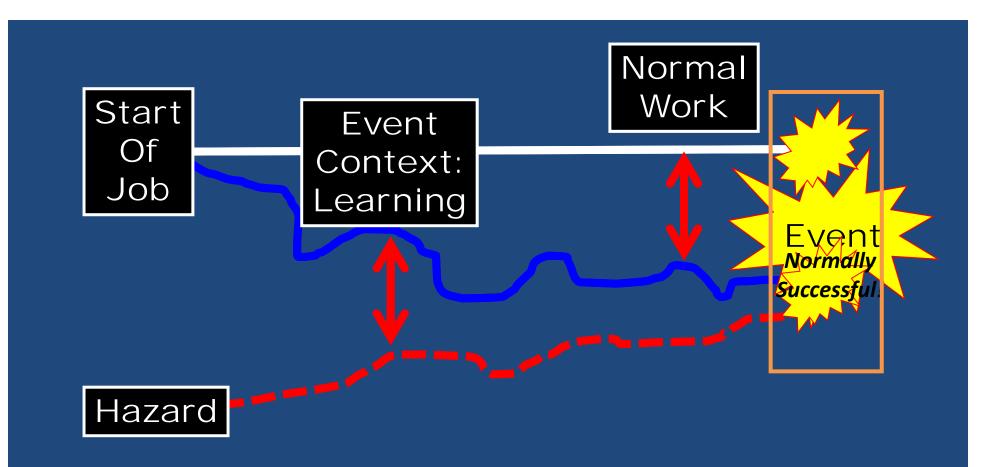
The Traditional Safety Emphasis on Pre-Work and Planning



# Two Views of Failure







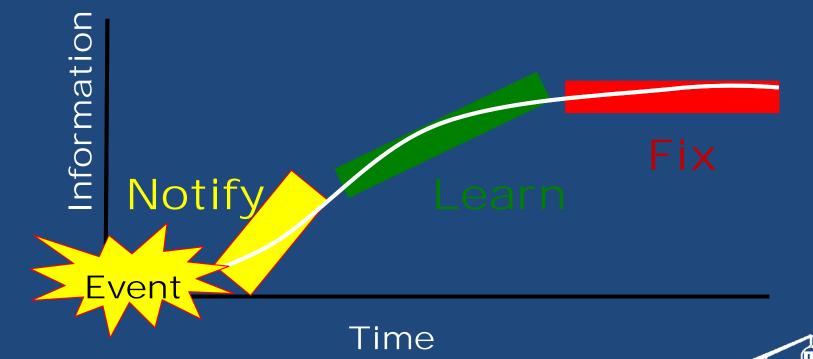
# Safety Understood: Drift and Accumulation



### The Pressure To Know...

What You Ask For Is What You Get

**Outweighs The Pressure To Learn** 



# Safety Defined

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> Safety is the capacity of systems to fail gracefully



# Immediate Steps

# Successful organizations seem to do four things very well:

- Constantly predicting the next failure
- Consistently reducing operational complication
- Respond with urgency to pre-cursor data
- Respond to events with deliberation









### For More Information

- ITI HPI and Accident Investigation Classes
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