Integrated Auditing

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Organization Management

- Control era
 - Define characteristics, conditions, and pollutants. Inspect to see if actual agreed with specifications and requirements.
- Assurance era
 - Define processes to achieve results and make sure those processes are being followed. (Say what you do and do what you say.)
- Management era
 - Develop organization systems to achieve results and provide resources to achieve success.
- Integration era
 - Combine quality, environment, safety, etc. into a holistic view.

Good and Evil

- Some systems promote Good
 - Quality management tries to achieve excellence, satisfaction, delight.
 - Financial management tries to improve efficiency.
 - Human resource management tries to maximize people resources.



Good and Evil

- Some systems prevent Evil
 - Environmental management tries to prevent harm to the planet.
 - Safety management tries to prevent harm to people.
 - Security management tries to keep bad guys away.



However, it all comes down to PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act)



Quality Management Principles

- Plan
 - Identify item or service characteristics (form, fit, function)
 - Define methods, material, and machines to make or deliver that product
 - Define the systems in which the product is made or delivered
- Do
 - Provide people, equipment, material and infrastructure to make or deliver the product
 - Follow the defined methods
- Check
 - Measure progress in achieving defined products, processes, and systems
- Act
 - Reduce differences between desired and actual states
 - Make things better

Environment Management Principles

- Plan
 - Identify pollutants and their sources
 - Define ways to reduce (or eliminate) pollutant generation
 - Define ways to remove existing pollutants from the biosphere
- Do
 - Follow the defined methods to reduce and remove pollutants
- Check
 - Monitor operations for presence of pollutants
 - Monitor implementation of defined methods and systems
- Act
 - Reduce differences between desired and actual states
 - Generate fewer pollutants

Safety Management Principles

Plan

- Identify hazardous energies and their sources
- Define ways to reduce (or eliminate) hazardous energy sources
- Define physical and administrative barriers to contain hazardous energy sources
- Do
 - Follow the defined methods to reduce and remove hazards
- Check
 - Monitor operations for presence of hazards
 - Monitor implementation of defined methods and systems
- Act
 - Reduce differences between desired and actual states
 - Make things safer

Application to Auditing

- Let's see if we can apply this concept of sameness to auditing
- Let's also use the modern process approach
- Let's make it useful to the organization



Step 1: Define the Product



These are the 4 Kinds of Product:

Tangible manufactured goods

Tangible processed items

Software instructions





Service activities



Step 2: How is it Made?



Processes Make Everything!



A change occurs

- Factory processes

 (also called product realization processes)
- Business support processes (also called administrative processes)
- External interface processes (also called customer and supplier processes)

Products are the result of processes

So, What is a System?



Systems are Linked Processes



System: Processes working together to achieve a common goal.

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Step 2: Flowchart the operations



Step 3: Understand Processes



Universal Process Model



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- Methods: These are the instructions we provide for the task. Often called *documents*.
- Material: These are the things used by the process.
- Manpower: (and womanpower!)
 These are the human competencies needed.

- Measurement: These are the data taken of the process and their use.
- Machinery: This is the equipment used to perform the action.
- Environment: These are the outside influences on the process.
 (Not the same as green.)

General Risk Model

- Define risk
 - Qualitative
 - Quantitative
- Judge risk
 - Risk analysis
 - Acceptable and unacceptable risk
- Provide countermeasures
 - Barriers (physical and admin)
 - Reduction (process design)
 - Transfer (sell to someone else)



Whoa! Now It's Too Much!

How about something combining all – yet friendly?



Step 3: Modified Turtle Diagram



Step 4: Define Information Needs



Requirements are Documents



External Sources of Documents

External - from outside

- National regulations
- International regulations (export)
- National and international standards
- Industry codes and standards
- Package labels
- Corporate policies
- Customer requirements

Internal - within the firm

- Functional manuals (quality, safety, research, production, accounting, etc.)
- Administrative procedures
- Standard operating procedures
- Production planning sheets
- Job safety sheets
- Inspection plans
- Software (process and alarm) settings
- Lock-out/tag-out sheets

Objective Evidence

- Physical
- Senses
- Paperwork
- Interviews
- Patterns

Right side of the audit model



Step 4: Define Information Needs



Progress So Far

- Step 1: Define the products
- Step 2: Define the processes by flowcharting
- Step 3: Study the processes through modified turtle diagrams
- Step 4: Define information needs (objective evidence)

For all, we combined *quality*, *safety*, and *environment*.



Step 5: Gather Objective Evidence

- This is the fieldwork and starts after the opening meeting.
- You need to walk the processes (tracing) and interview the people performing the tasks. (You go to them.)



Gather Data, for example:

- Computer network was down for a total of 25 minutes during the month of July.
- Tellers backed up data for the seven shift changes examined.
- Hill Street branch experienced 3 cash machine paper receipt jams in June.
- Generic deposit slips were available at all teller stations.
- Vault lights are left on all night.
- Floors are wet-mopped only when customers are not present.

Gather Data, for example:

- 6 of 48 overhead lamps were non-functional at the Charles Circle branch on Friday.
- All tellers are examined for math and communication skills prior to hire.
- Backup server was loaded with out of date data files on July 12.
- Cars using drive-in stations back up into the street.
- Bill sorting machine malfunctioned on July 3 and again on July 9.

General Model for Auditing



Data Dump

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Step 6: Data Chunk



Sorting Our Audit Data

Equipment maintenance

- Network down
- Backup server data
- Bill sorting machine
- Doors, locks, and keys
- Cash machine jams
- False security alarm

Teller competencies

- Confusing debit and credit
- Cash drawer daily audit

No pattern

- Key-in entry mistake
- Coins falling out of rabbit
- Cars backed out in street

This Becomes a Finding

Turn the piles upside down:

- Statement of the system control problem
 - Bad fact
 - Bad fact
 - Bad fact
 - Bad fact



Equipment is not routinely kept in proper working condition.

- Computer network was down for a total of 25 minutes during the month of July.
- Backup server was loaded with out of date data files on July 12.
- Hill Street branch experienced 3 cash machine paper receipt jams in June.
- Bill sorting machine malfunctioned on July 3 and again on July 9.
- Three branches experienced entry door lock jamming this year. One resulted in a key breaking.
- Oak Lawn branch experienced a false security alarm on July 20.
 Police responded.
 This is called a *finding sheet*

Step 8: Do Corrective Action

- Pretty much the same for all management systems
- Remedial action for the symptoms (bullets)
- Corrective action for the disease



The Process Approach to Audits

- Step 1: Define the products
- Step 2: Define the processes by flowcharting
- Step 3: Study the processes through turtle diagrams
- Step 4: Develop objective evidence needs
- Step 5: Gather objective evidence (fieldwork)
- Step 6: Analyze data to form finding sheets
- Step 7: Report your conclusions
- Step 8: Address problems through remedial and corrective actions
 All done in an integrated manner.

Conclusion

- We must first understand the (business) processes to be audited and how they relate to the objectives of the enterprise.
- Quality, safety, and environment are all forms of risk management.
- We then gather field data on how those processes are being controlled to reduce risk.
- We present conclusions in a way that shows the way strengths and weaknesses affect the business.

Thank you for your kind attention!



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