



Layer of Protection Analysis (LOPA) Checklist

Process Hazard Identification

Identify potential hazards associated with the manufacturing process and the potential consequences if those hazards are realized.

Describe the Manufacturing Process Being Analyzed

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Identify potential hazards associated with each step of the process.

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Which hazard types are present? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Mechanical
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Chemical
- ☐ Thermal
- ☐ Ergonomic
- ☐ Process Safety
- ☐ Other (Specify)

For each identified hazard, describe the potential consequences if it occurs.

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Estimated Number of Employees Potentially Affected by Each Hazard

Enter a number...

Describe any existing documentation related to these hazards (e.g., SDS, process procedures)

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Initial Risk Assessment (Without Layers of Protection)

Evaluate the initial severity and likelihood of the identified hazards, forming a baseline risk assessment before considering protective layers.

Describe the manufacturing process being assessed.

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Estimated Frequency of Occurrence (per year)

Enter a number...

Severity Classification (e.g., Catastrophic, Critical, Moderate, Minor)

- ☐ Catastrophic
- ☐ Critical
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Minor

Describe the potential consequences of the hazard if it were to occur.

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Estimated Number of Personnel Potentially Affected

Enter a number...

Environmental Impact Classification (e.g., High, Medium, Low)

- ☐ High
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Low

Justification for Severity and Frequency Assignments

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Existing Layers of Protection (LOLs)

Document and describe the existing controls and safeguards in place to prevent or mitigate the identified hazards. This includes procedural, mechanical, electrical, and administrative controls.

Describe the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the process.

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Which of the following mechanical safeguards are in place? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Guards
- ☐ Interlocks
- ☐ Light Curtains
- ☐ Presence Sensing Devices
- ☐ None

What is the frequency of preventative maintenance for critical equipment (e.g., machine, conveyor)? (Days)

Enter a number...


What type of personal protective equipment (PPE) is required for this process?

- ☐ Safety Glasses
- ☐ Hearing Protection
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Respirator
- ☐ Full Body Suit
- ☐ None

Last review date of the process safety information (PSI).

Enter date...

Upload a copy of the relevant training records for personnel involved in this process.

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LOL Effectiveness Assessment

Evaluate the effectiveness of each existing LOL. Consider independent verification, testing, and past performance.

Frequency of LOL Testing/Inspection

Enter a number...

LOL Verification Method

- ☐ Regular Inspection
- ☐ Periodic Testing
- ☐ Operational Review
- ☐ Auditing
- ☐ Management of Change

Summary of Previous LOL Performance/Failures

Write something...

Is the LOL Fully Operational?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Last LOL Maintenance Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Enter a number...

Which supporting documentation is available for this LOL?

☐ Operating Procedures

☐ Maintenance Records

☐ Training Records

☐ Design Specifications

☐ Inspection Reports

Describe any known limitations of this LOL.

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Potential Failures of LOLs

Identify potential failure modes of each existing LOL. What could cause the LOL to fail to perform its intended function?

Describe potential human error scenarios that could lead to LOL failure.

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Which of the following factors could contribute to LOL failure due to inadequate training?

- ☐ Insufficient Initial Training
- ☐ Lack of Refresher Training
- ☐ Training not specific to the LOL
- ☐ Inadequate competency assessment
- ☐ Poor training documentation

What is the estimated frequency (per year) of scheduled maintenance for this LOL?

Enter a number...

When was the last time a complete audit/review of this LOL was conducted?

Enter date...

Describe any historical incidents or near misses where this LOL failed or nearly failed. (Include details of root cause and corrective actions)

Write something...

What is the primary reason for LOL failure in similar processes or equipment?

- ☐ Mechanical Failure
- ☐ Electrical Fault
- ☐ Procedural Deviation
- ☐ Human Error
- ☐ Design Flaw
- ☐ Environmental Factors

Describe how environmental factors (e.g., temperature, humidity, vibration) could degrade the LOL's effectiveness.

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Upload any relevant maintenance logs, inspection reports, or failure analyses for this LOL.

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Risk Reduction with Existing LOLs

Assess the risk reduction provided by the existing LOLs. How much has the likelihood and/or consequence been reduced?

Is the LOL regularly inspected and maintained?

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Not Applicable

Frequency of LOL inspection (e.g., days, weeks, months)

Enter a number...

Describe the process for verifying LOL effectiveness (e.g., testing, audits, reviews)

Write something...

Has the LOL performed as intended in the past?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unknown

If 'No' was selected above, describe past failure events and corrective actions taken.

Write something...

Estimated reduction in consequence severity (as percentage)

Enter a number...

Estimated reduction in frequency of occurrence (as percentage)

Enter a number...

Is independent verification of the LOL effectiveness available?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Risk Evaluation After Existing LOLs

Re-evaluate the risk level after accounting for the existing LOLs. This provides a current risk level assessment.

Severity Rating (Pre-LOLs)

Likelihood Rating (Pre-LOLs)

Risk Score (Pre-LOLs)

Severity Reduction Factor (Due to LOLs)

Likelihood Reduction Factor (Due to LOLs)

Residual Severity Rating (Post-LOLs)

Residual Likelihood Rating (Post-LOLs)

Residual Risk Score (Post-LOLs)

Enter a number...

Risk Level (Post-LOLs)

- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Tolerable
- ☐ Significant
- ☐ Intolerable

Justification for Risk Level Assessment

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Identification of Additional Layers of Protection (ALOPs)

Determine if additional layers of protection are needed to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. Consider feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

Describe potential failure scenarios that existing LOLs cannot adequately address.

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Which of the following ALOP types are being considered?

- ☐ Procedural Controls
- ☐ Mechanical Safeguards
- ☐ Electrical Interlocks
- ☐ Emergency Shutdown Systems
- ☐ Redundancy
- ☐ Containment Systems
- ☐ Independent Verification
- ☐ Training & Competency

Estimated Cost of implementing the ALOP (in USD).

Enter a number...

Target Implementation Date for the ALOP.

Enter date...


Which department/team will be responsible for ALOP implementation?

- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ Operations
- ☐ Safety & Health
- ☐ Other

Briefly explain the rationale behind selecting this particular ALOP.

Write something...

Attach supporting documentation (e.g., vendor quotes, design drawings).

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Describe any potential limitations or secondary risks associated with the proposed ALOP.

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Proposed ALOP Implementation

Detail the proposed implementation of any additional layers of protection. Include timelines, responsibilities, and resource allocation.

Detailed Description of Proposed ALOP

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Estimated Cost of Implementation (USD)

Enter a number...

Target Implementation Start Date

Enter date...

Target Implementation Completion Date

Enter date...

Responsible Department for Implementation

- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ Operations
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Procurement

Required Resources (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Personnel
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Software
- ☐ Budget
- ☐ Training

Supporting Documentation (e.g., vendor quotes, design drawings)

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Potential Challenges & Mitigation Strategies

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ALOP Effectiveness Assessment

Assess the expected effectiveness of the proposed ALOPs. Consider independent verification and potential limitations.

Has the ALOP been subject to independent review?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Applicable

Estimated Reduction in Likelihood (Percentage)

Enter a number...

Estimated Reduction in Consequence (Scale 1-5)

Enter a number...

Justification for Estimated Reduction

Write something...

What verification methods were used to assess ALOP effectiveness?

- ☐ Review of Design Documentation
- ☐ HAZOP Study
- ☐ Simulated Testing
- ☐ Operational Testing
- ☐ Past Performance Data
- ☐ Other (Specify in LONG_TEXT)

Specify 'Other' verification method (if selected)

Write something...

Date of Last Verification/Testing

Enter date...

Upload Verification Documentation (e.g., test reports)

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Risk Evaluation with Proposed ALOPs

Re-evaluate the risk level after accounting for both existing and proposed layers of protection.

Estimated Reduction in Likelihood (%), after implementing ALOPs

Enter a number...

Estimated Reduction in Consequence Severity (Scale: 1-5, 1=Negligible, 5=Catastrophic)

Enter a number...

Overall Risk Level After ALOP Implementation (Compared to 'Risk Evaluation After Existing LOLs')

- ☐ Higher
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Lower
- ☐ Acceptable

Justification for the Assigned Risk Level

Write something...

Does the calculated risk level meet the pre-defined acceptance criteria?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If 'No' to acceptance criteria, describe necessary actions or alternative strategies

Write something...

Date of Next Review of Risk Level and ALOP Effectiveness

Enter date...

Documentation and Review

Document all findings, assumptions, and decisions made during the LOPA process. Establish a review schedule to ensure ongoing effectiveness.

LOPA Completion Date

Enter date...

LOPA Reviewer Name

Write something...

Review Frequency (in months)

Enter a number...

Summary of Key Findings & Recommendations

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Supporting Documentation (e.g., P&IDs, Procedures)

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Areas Requiring Follow-Up Actions

- ☐ Procedure Updates
- ☐ Training Needs
- ☐ Equipment Modifications
- ☐ Management of Change
- ☐ None

Notes from Review Meeting (including action items and assigned responsibility)

Write something...

Date of Next Scheduled Review

Enter date...