# Past performance is not an indicator of future performance

# There is no measure of performance to say "we are safe"

Safety is the Presence of Safeguards, not the Absence of Incidents

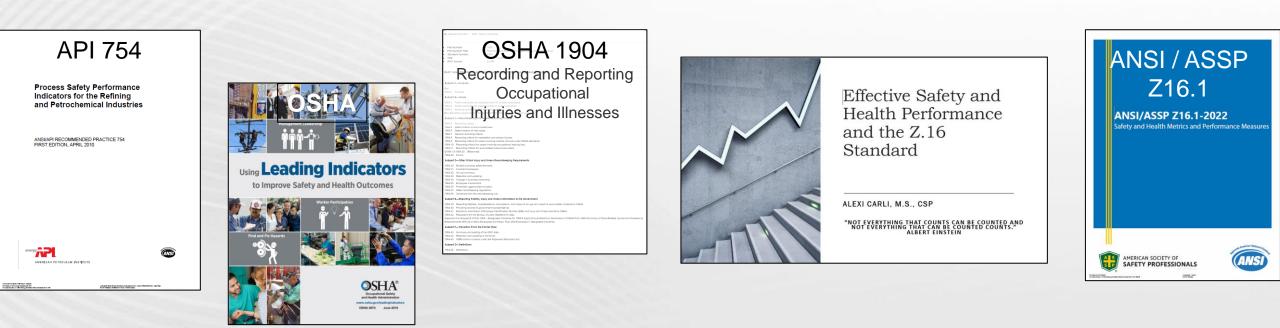
# **Selecting the Right Metrics**

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# Discussion on how to develop the metrics you need, not to tell you the metrics you need



## **Discussion Topics**

- Why Measure Performance ?
- Use the data we have
- Leading vs Lagging
- Identifying the Right Metric
- Takeaways

## Why measure performance ?

Safety is a journey, not a destination

• How do we know how far we have come ?

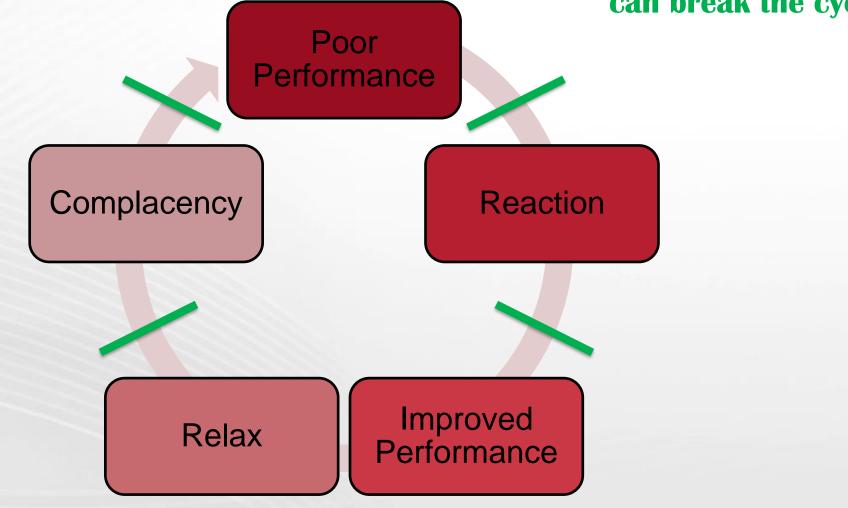
How do we know how far we have to go ?

• Are we going in the right direction ?

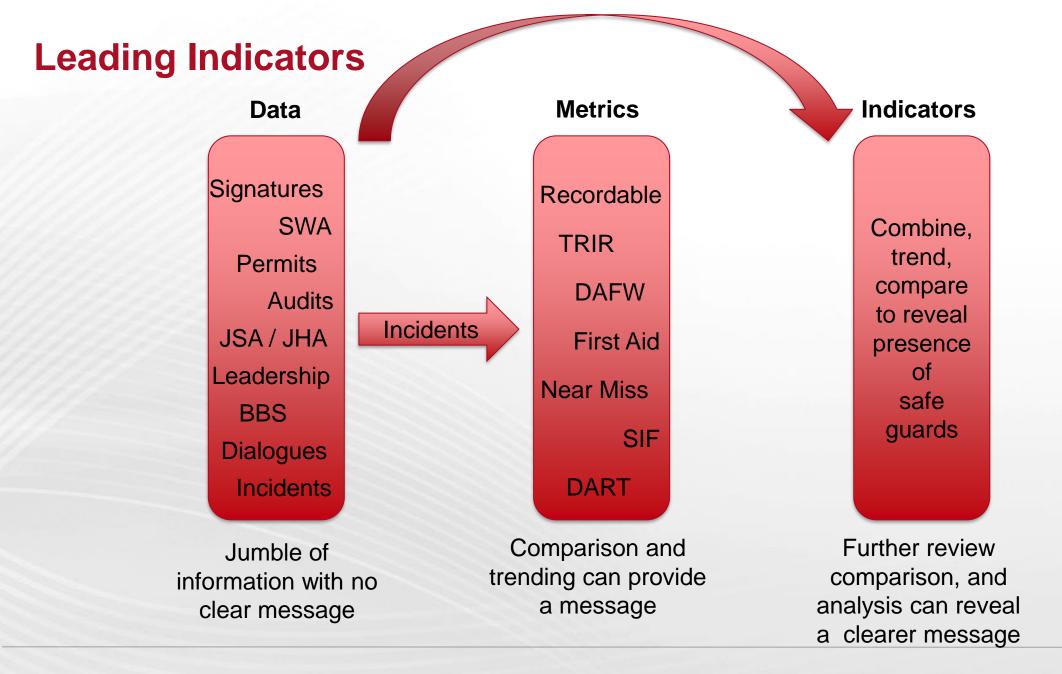


### **Response to Incidents**

#### Better performance metrics can break the cycle



# Use the Data we Have



### **Absolute vs Relative Metrics**

- Absolute numbers can be measured and assessed in the moment as good or bad
  - Number of Recordable Injuries
- Relative metrics against time or workforce hours can indicate trends
  - Recordable incident trends
  - TRIR
- Relative metrics against other metrics can also indicate trends
  - Recordable incidents vs Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) incidents
  - Comparing number of Recordable Injuries in different facilities

### **Goodhart's Law**

When a measure becomes a target, it ceases to be a good measure.

"What Get's <u>Measured</u>, Get's <u>Manipulated</u>!"

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# Leading vs Lagging

## **Leading and Lagging Metrics**



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#### Leading

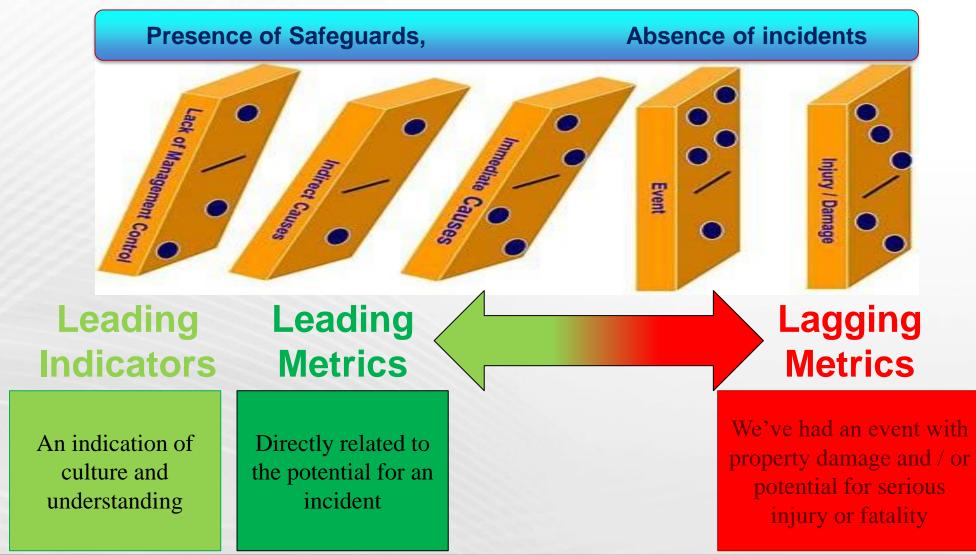
- May need more explanation
- Need more of them
- Inconsistency in reporting
- Can indicate vulnerability and future events
- Focus on positive actions
- Success is more data

#### Lagging

- Focus on negative outcomes
- Easy to collect and understand
  - Incident data or direct link an event
- Consistency across industry
- Years of application and data
- Success is less data

**EVENT** 

## **Leading vs Lagging Metrics**



## **Catching Drift through Leading Metrics**



Examples of drift;

- 1. Inconsistent drawings
- 2. Out of date corrosion data
- 3. Hot Work Permit not applied
- 4. PHA used the wrong data
- 5. MOC not verified as complete
- 6. PSSR was tick box exercise
- 7. SOP was not followed
- 8. Contractors were not trained
- 9. No refresher training
- 10. Employee feedback disregarded
- 11. Audit findings not addressed
- 12. Poor quality investigations
- 13. Inadequate emergency drills

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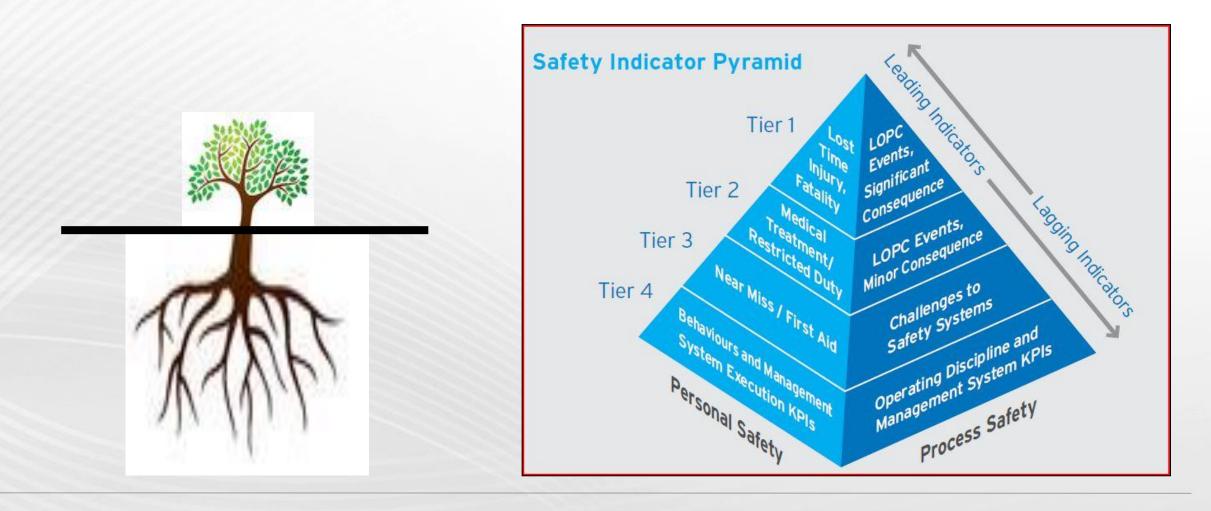


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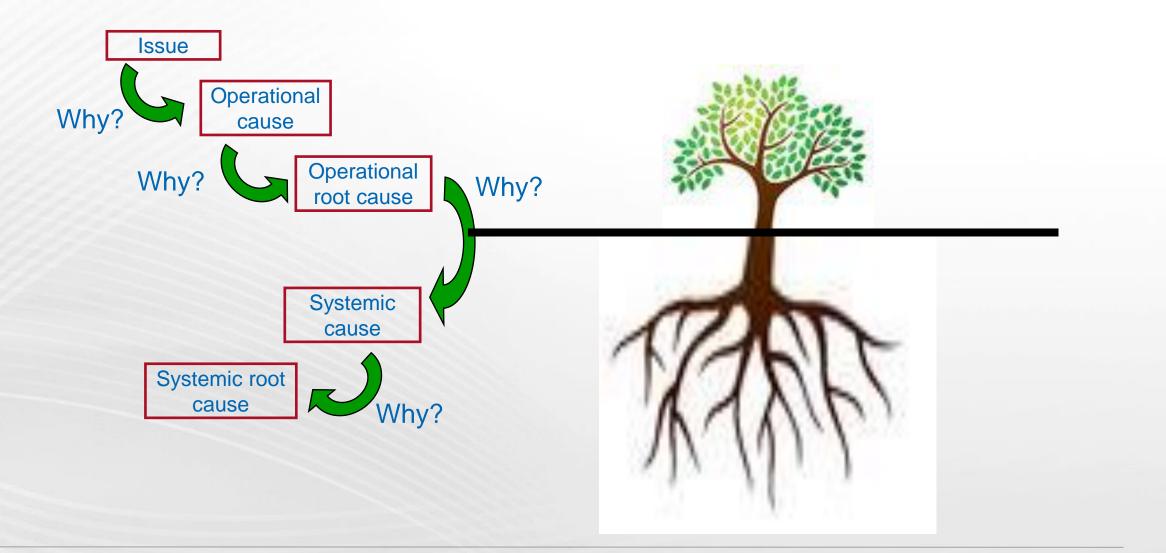


# Identifying the "Right" Metric

## How does Root Cause Analysis apply to Performance Metrics?

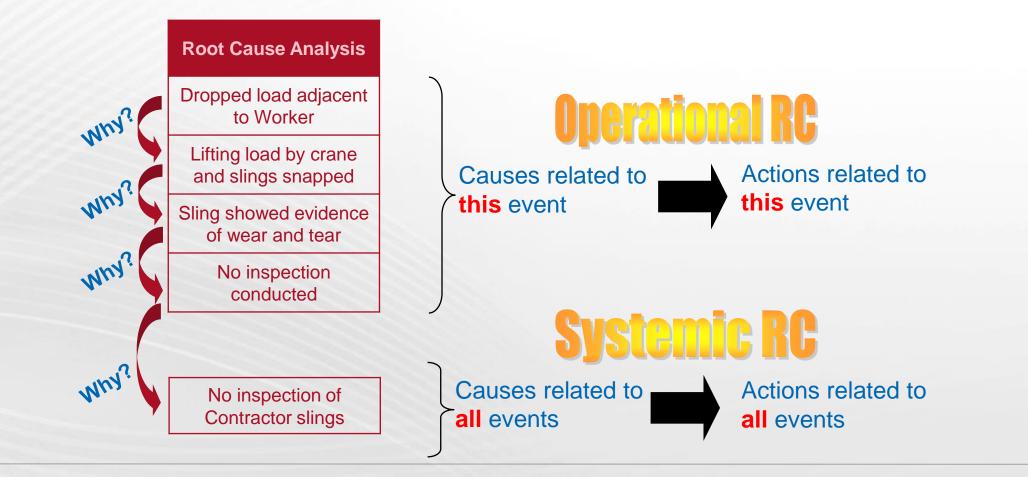


## **Finding the Root Cause**



## **Root Cause Analysis**

How to distinguish between operation level root cause and systemic level?



## Do we use the right metrics ?

- Lagging Metrics
  - Easy to collect and understand
  - Popular with Management
  - Without trending or RCA, almost no value to prevent incidents
- Leading Metrics
  - Easy to collect
  - Give a feel good factor
  - Provide some value to prevent incidents
  - Focus on doing more
- Leading Indicators
  - More effort to obtain
  - May require more explanation
  - Real value to prevent incidents
  - System level approach

#### **Dropped Loads**



%age of slings removed

## **Pair Leading Metrics and Indicators**

Quantity (Participation)	<b>Quality</b> (Effectiveness)	<b>Objective</b> (Doing the right thing the right way)
Number of slings inspected	%age of slings removed from service	Slings with integrity used for lifts
Percentage of people trained	Field Observations of training application	Demonstrated Competence
Number of Corrective Actions close out	Sample audit of effective close out	Effective close out of Corrective Actions
Number of Incident Investigations completed in 30 days	Assessed quality of incident investigation	Timely learning from investigations

## Data + <u>Dialogue</u> = Difference

#### 1. How are we doing?

- What is our current performance?
- How does that compare to our baseline and our goal?
- What does the performance trend suggest about the future?
- How well is our leading indicator working to support our results metric?

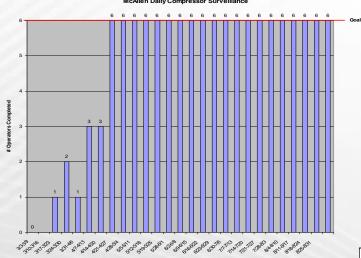
- 2. What should we do about it?
  - If we made progress, what did we do to achieve the results?
  - How will we let folks know we appreciate what they're doing to achieve this success?
  - If we're not on track, what do we need to do to get back on track?

Combination of Lagging Metrics and Leading Indicators

- Informs the dialogue with senior leaders
- Provides clearer message for them to know what they can do
- Direction supported by Metrics / Indicators provides the "what" and "why"

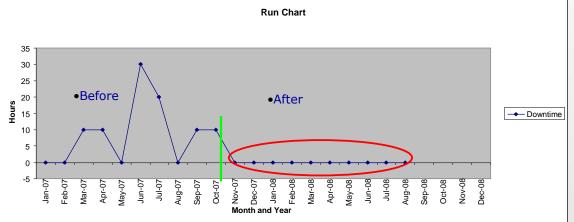
# Example for illustration only

## Pair Leading Indicators with Lagging Results Metrics



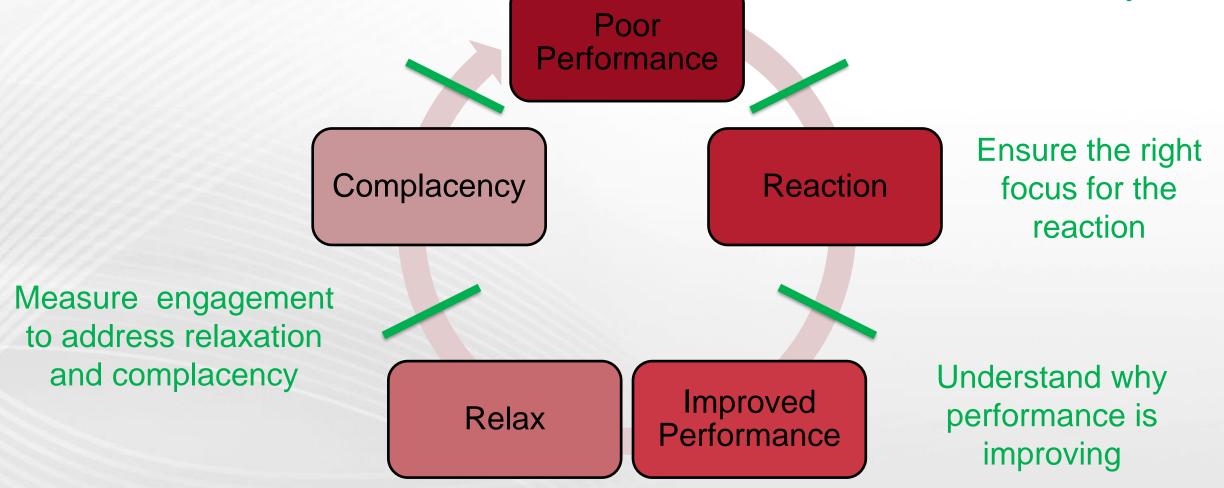
Our leading metric shows 20 straight weeks of 100% of sling inspections on arrival

Our lagging metrics show 10 straight months of no sling failure during lifts



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# Summary and Wrap Up

## What are you looking at ?



### **Take Aways**

- Lots of data is available, be thoughtful on the intent of each metric
- Decide audience for each metric
- Metrics should promote dialogue and action to "Break the Cycle"
- Leading Indicators are a signal of Drift and a Domino about to fall
- Using Root Cause Analysis can help identify Leading Indicators
- Multiple metrics & indicators are required; Quantity and Quality
- To be meaningful, metrics need to continuously evolve

### **Questions and Discussion**



#### References

