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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

### **DRAFT CSA Standard - Process Safety Management (PSM)**

I'm part of the CSA committee that is putting together "Process Safety Management Standard (PSM)".

The purpose of this national standard is to identify performance requirements that can be audited to recognize and address gaps that may exist in an overall health, safety, environmental and risk management program to preventing incidents, may be called Process Safety Management (PSM).

This Standard will identify the requirements of a management system, address the scope of issues covered for facilities and worksites handling or storing potentially hazardous materials, either due to an inherent chemical, biological, toxicological or physical property, or due to its potential hazards.

It will define minimum requirements that must be in place to ensure failures are adequately addressed.

This will include various policies, practices and procedures that will help to ensure H&S of workers and Environment. We know each workplace is unique and a particular policy, practice or procedure that is effective at one site may need to be modified or rewritten for another location. The minimum requirements could be included in an integrated risk management program or in a stand-alone PSM program that will be effective in preventing incidents at workplaces that manufacture, store, handle or otherwise use potentially hazardous materials across industry sectors.

The DRAFT standard is now out for public review and I will strongly encourage you to participate in this review. You can find this DRAFT at:

<http://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/1714>

After the public review period closes on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the committee will begin to work on managing the comments, and making the standard even better.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for questions or share my contact information with others who may be interested in this standard.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Sharma', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Vinay Sharma**

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