

Safety actions vs safety recommendations

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Year	Safety recommendations	Safety actions
2012	39	?
2013	23	?
2014	42	?
2015	47	34
2016	57	90

Safety action:

- Is the product of open, constructive engagement;
- Requires early engagement, open dialogue, collegiate approach;
- Flows from discussion of emerging safety issues and possible safety recommendations;
- Also helps the development of meaningful safety recommendations even if action not complete when report finalised.

Safety actions

Pros

- Reflects early action to address safety issues
- Allows innovative ideas and solutions to be developed
- May avert the need to raise a safety recommendation at all
- Enables SIA to acknowledge *completion* of the action
- Which enhances reputation

Cons

- Action may be premature or even inappropriate
- May focus on low hanging fruit
- May reduce enthusiasm for subsequent safety recommendation
- Doesn't provide a formal audit trail

Safety recommendations

Pros

- Fully considered
- Crafted to directly address investigation findings
- Full audit trail and visible in databases

Cons

- Much slower impact
- Can be misunderstood

Questions? Thoughts?