

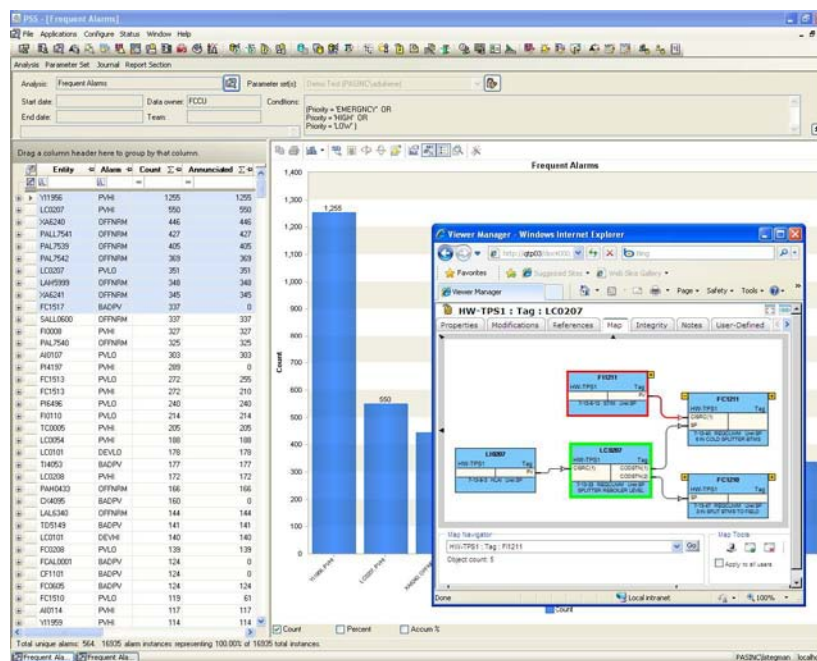


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PAS Releases PlantState Suite Version 6.5

New software facilitates process safety management compliance

Houston, TX – May 4, 2010 – PAS, a leading supplier of software products and consulting services to the processing industries worldwide, has released a new version of its comprehensive alarm management and control loop optimisation software with new features to improve plant safety and productivity.

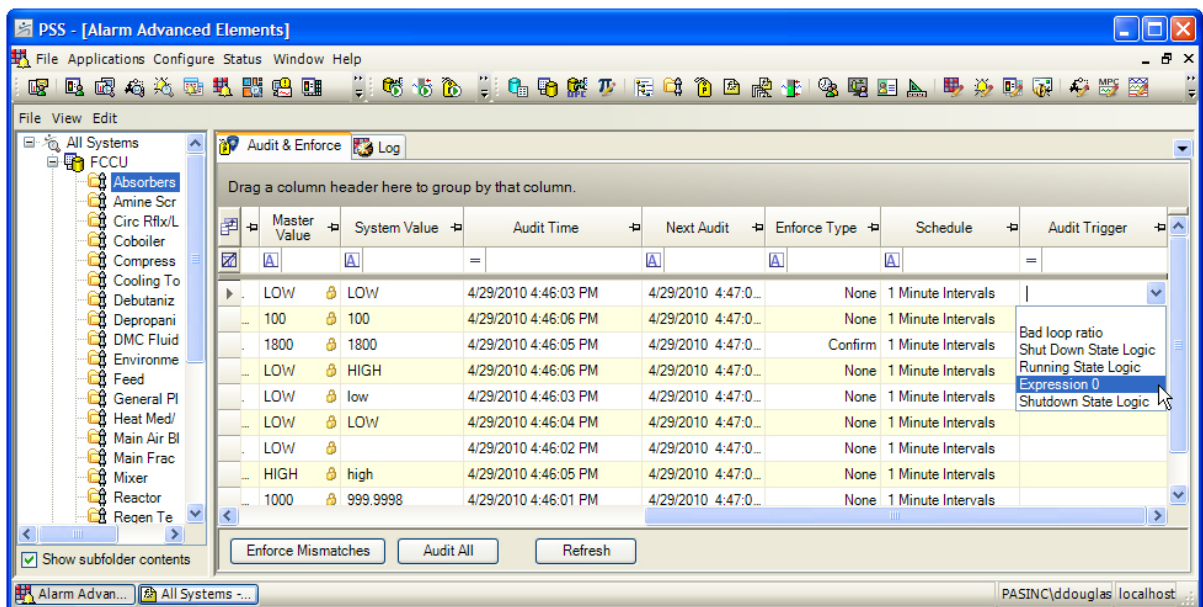


PlantState Suite Integrity

PlantState Suite Version 6.5 provides new features to help improve process safety and to demonstrate good practice in accordance with process safety standards IEC 61511, ISA 84 and compliance with the OSHA 29 CFR 1910.119 rule for plants handling highly hazardous chemicals in the U.S.



To facilitate improved process and plant safety, PlantState Suite Version 6.5 now incorporates the ability to audit and enforce control system parameters when a pre-configured event Status occurs. This capability provides a mechanism for proving the proper execution of control-system and safety-instrumented-system shutdown routines. It acquires the necessary information automatically, thus precluding the need to manually prove the functionality at a subsequent time.



PlantState Suite Event Triggered Audit

Change management is another important factor in safety lifecycle management. PlantState Suite Version 6.5 is now integrated with PAS' Integrity™ Software, which maps and tracks the configuration of the industry's major control and safety instrumented systems. With this capability, users can access control strategies and change management details in the context of any alarm or event with a single click, thus enabling faster and more accurate troubleshooting.

“Helping our customers to improve their safety and regulatory compliance, while



simultaneously improving their bottom line, is PAS' mission. The new capabilities of PlantState Suite Version 6.5 are targeted specifically at these needs," says Chris Lyden, PAS President.

About PAS

PAS (www.pas.com) improves the automation and operational effectiveness of power and process plants worldwide by aggregating, contextualizing and simplifying relevant information and making it universally accessible and useful. We provide software and services that ensure safe running operations, maximize situation awareness, and reduce plant vulnerabilities. Our comprehensive portfolio includes solutions for Alarm Management, Automation Genome Mapping, Control Loop Performance Optimization, and High-Performance Human-Machine Interfaces. PAS solutions are installed in over 1000 industrial plants worldwide.

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