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Mr. Travers shaped recent changes to the way the HSE and the UK Environment Agencies jointly regulate major hazards within the COMAH remodeling program, resulting in improved efficiency in the regulation of major hazards and regulatory programs. He also pioneered the use of key performance indicators to monitor the effectiveness of critical chemical process systems. Mr. Travers was the first author to present this in ‘Developing Key Performance Indicator for Process Safety, HSG 254. He also worked as a drafting author on the OECD guidelines for KPIs and contributed to the CCPS and KPI guidelines. Mr. Travers recently chaired the international expert panel to publish the OECD Guidelines on Process Safety Governance, and he worked with ScottishPower in the UK to develop their award winning approach to asset management.