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INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, organizations are increasingly committed to establishing standards and actions aimed at prevention, protection, and reduction of occupational risks.

The company is classified at risk level V, which corresponds to activities considered highly hazardous, where workers are constantly exposed to extreme working conditions. In recent years, there has been a steady increase in the number of occupational accidents and incidents. The recurrence of these events not only generates significant economic impacts but also damages the company's image, affecting its competitiveness. It is therefore appropriate to implement a continuous improvement approach based on legal requirements and programs that promote a strong organizational culture in this area.

This research seeks to implement actions to strengthen occupational health and safety in metalworking companies by analyzing their organizational culture. Using STPS standards and guidelines, it aims to establish, monitor, and evaluate best practices in occupational health and safety that will improve working conditions for employees in both the short and long term.

It also reviews relevant regulatory aspects, including the Occupational Safety and Health Self-Management Program (PASST).

This research made it possible to detail the actions aimed at continuous improvement within the company. These include measuring the level of organizational culture using the Bradley Curve, identifying the main occupational risks, and strategies for continuous training and induction. These actions will strengthen OSH knowledge and development within the company. As a final result, an action plan is proposed that focuses on increasing the level of organizational culture and ensuring high levels of compliance with current regulations, which will help avoid additional costs. As mentioned by Núñez (2016), working safely exempts us from expenses caused by occupational accidents and illnesses, the cost of which ranges from 2.6% to 8% of GDP, regardless of the type of organization.

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DEVELOPMENT

In response to the growing need to ensure optimal levels of safety in the workplace, this is particularly relevant for the company, since, as an organization operating in a high-risk sector, the safety and well-being of its workers are a necessary priority. (Carbajal, et

al., 2016) investigated the need to carry out analyses in various companies both nationally and internationally, as this has an impact on the population.

Sarmiento Domínguez (2012), in his study conducted at the National Polytechnic Institute, proposed an occupational safety and health system designed under the principles of PASST, aimed especially at micro, small, and medium-sized companies. His proposal includes the creation of diagnostic formats, intervention procedures, and evaluation methods that allow companies with limited resources to structure an efficient management system adapted to their operational reality.

On the other hand, Cabañas García (2019), in a study carried out at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, documented the application of PASST in a company in the metalworking sector dedicated to the design and manufacture of industrial structures. The research showed how self-management in safety and health can transform working conditions by identifying and correcting deficiencies in regulatory compliance, thereby generating greater organizational awareness and the implementation of sustained preventive policies. This case also highlights the role of leadership as an essential component in achieving organizational maturity in the field of safety.

Within the automotive sector, Ramírez Guadián (2020) developed a comprehensive diagnosis at a transmission assembly plant, applying the PASST methodology as the guiding principle of the analysis. His proposal integrated risk management, regulatory compliance, and participatory leadership tools, aligning both national guidelines and international best practices. The comprehensive approach made it possible to establish strategic actions that directly impacted compliance levels, reducing priority risks and encouraging a culture of self-care among workers.

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), nearly three million workers die each year due to work-related accidents and illnesses, a figure that underscores the great challenges in safeguarding the health and safety of workers around the world.

At the national level, the manufacturing industry reported a total of 103,419 work-related accidents and 7,292 work-related illnesses, positioning itself as the leading generator of both illnesses and accidents in 2023, according to statistics presented by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) and the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (2023).

Based on the analysis of regulatory compliance, it was determined and shown in Fig. 1 that only 29% of all requirements are fully met. The

54% show partial compliance, indicating that, although progress has been made, it is not sufficient to fully meet the established criteria. On the other hand, the remaining 17% are in a null state, meaning that there is no documentary evidence or formats to support compliance with these requirements.



Figure 1. Percentage of regulatory compliance.

Source: *Own elaboration* (2025).

Anaya (2017) points out that, given the challenges posed by sustainable companies with social responsibility, it is important to develop processes based on comprehensive management with measurable results that impact safety, civil protection culture, and environmental care.

OBJECTIVES

General

- Develop a strategic occupational health and safety plan by gradually expanding the Occupational Health and Safety Self-Management Program (PASST), promoting continuous improvement and risk prevention.

Specific

- Measure the company's current safety culture level using the Bradley methodology.
- Identify occupational risks within the company.
- Propose improvements in risk prevention and control focused on critical areas within the company, improving the safe and healthy work environment.

- Design a strategic occupational health and safety plan to increase the adoption of PASST at all levels of the organization, ensuring its proper integration into work processes.

LIMITATIONS

Several limitations were identified during the research.

1. Time constraints, as the research was subject to a pre-established deadline, meaning that any deviation from the schedule could negatively affect the achievement of the objectives.
2. Availability of resources: the lack or delay of human, economic, material, or logistical resources represents a risk factor for effective implementation.
3. Organizational commitment, lack of leadership, or institutional support is a significant barrier to staff participation.

METHODOLOGY/METHOD

Participants

A total of 121 workers participated from the areas of sales, engineering, administration and finance, production, quality control, safety, health and environment, human resources, and maintenance. **Method**

A descriptive, qualitative, and quantitative study was used for this analysis because it sought to investigate the characteristics of the phenomenon under study through interaction (Solorio Pérez, 2014), thanks to the observation and measurement of its elements.

Instrument

A structured survey based on descriptive studies was used to collect quantitative data, based on the behavior of the predictive factors of safety culture, by Ciro Martínez Oropeza and Lázaro V. Cremades (2012). The instrument has 16 items in Likert format with five options, grouped into dimensions:

- Post-incident perception.
- Individual and collective commitment.
- Supervision and leadership.
- Regulatory compliance.
- Peer intervention.
- Training and preventive culture.

Procedure

For this research, a survey was conducted among company employees to identify the hazards in the main activities and their level of risk according to their probability, severity, and exposure.

RESULTS

The results obtained provide insight into staff perceptions of the organizational safety culture, identifying both strengths and areas for improvement in the following areas: post-incident approach, individual commitment, preventive actions, regulatory compliance, peer intervention, perception of leadership, and training programs.

Post-Incident Organizational Approach

42.3% of respondents believe that work errors or incidents are analyzed with the aim of learning from them and preventing their recurrence. This view indicates a learning-oriented approach. However, 19.6% disagreed, suggesting the presence of a perception that errors are still associated with blame and punishment, creating potential barriers to continuous improvement.

Post-Incident Analysis

47.9% of employees indicated that, after an accident, the organization conducts a proper analysis and implements corrective measures to prevent recurrence. However, 20.8% expressed contrary opinions, reflecting a divergent view on the effectiveness of actions following adverse events.

Individual Commitment to Safety

44.3% of workers consider themselves personally committed to safety, while 17.5% adopted a neutral stance. This indicates that, although a significant portion of the workforce recognizes its role in prevention, there is still a relevant proportion with undefined attitudes regarding their individual responsibility.

Prevention through Teamwork

49.5% of participants agree that their team acts preventively in the face of risks, and an additional 7.2% strongly agree. However, there are also less favorable perceptions: 14.4% are neutral and 23.7% express disagreement to varying degrees, which shows heterogeneity in the experience of collective preventive practices.

Review of Safety Procedures

37.1% agree that security procedures are reviewed regularly, and 5.2% strongly agree. On the other hand, 32% are neutral, while 25.8% disagree, suggesting an ambiguous or unsatisfactory perception of the monitoring and updating of these procedures.

Compliance by Conviction

51.5% of employees stated that they comply with safety regulations out of personal conviction, while 21.6% do so to a large extent. This adds up to 73.1% of affirmative responses. Fifteen point five percent maintain a neutral stance, and 7.2% disagree with this statement, indicating the need to further instill safety values in certain segments of the workforce.

Leadership Oversight

Only 39.2% of respondents perceive frequent supervision of compliance with standards by their leaders. 23.7% maintain a neutral stance and 20.6% disagree, highlighting scattered perceptions regarding leadership involvement in monitoring and reinforcing a culture of prevention.

Perception of Safety Training

63.5% of workers consider safety training to be a priority within the company. However, 19.8% adopted a neutral stance, reflecting possible doubts about the effectiveness, relevance, or communication of the training programs implemented.

Individual Responsibility for Safety

46.4% agreed that they felt responsible for their own safety, and 33.0% strongly agreed, totaling 79.1% of positive responses. The rest of the respondents did not share this view with the same clarity, which opens up space to continue reinforcing the sense of individual responsibility as a pillar of risk prevention.

Attitude toward Unsafe Conditions

40.2% of employees say they would act on an unsafe condition, even if it does not directly affect them, and an additional 21.6% express a constant commitment in these situations. The neutrality of 18.6% indicates an opportunity to strengthen empowerment and a sense of shared responsibility in the workplace.

Intervention in the Face of Unsafe Behaviors

52.6% of participants agree with intervening in unsafe behavior by a coworker, while 23.7% strongly agree. The rest remain neutral or disagree, suggesting the existence of cultural or personal barriers to intervening in situations of risk to others.

Participation in Continuous Improvement

58.7% of workers say they propose ideas or initiatives to improve safety conditions. 27.8% are neutral and only 8.2% say they make proposals with complete confidence. This reveals significant room for improvement in encouraging participation in improvement processes.

Mutual Care Among Colleagues

47.4% perceive that there is mutual care among colleagues with regard to safety. 26.8% are neutral, while 16.5% disagree. These data reflect that, although there are collaborative practices, they are not yet fully ingrained in all teams.

Safety as a Core Value

53% of respondents believe that safety is promoted as a core value within the organization. 20.6% are neutral, and 12.4% do not perceive such promotion, suggesting areas where communication and visibility of these values could be more effective.

Recognition in Safety

29.9% express satisfaction with the recognition they receive for their safety actions, while another 29.9% maintain a neutral stance. 35% express disagreement, which shows that current recognition mechanisms do not reach all employees in an equitable or visible manner.

Influence of Team Behavior

54.6% of employees believe that their team's behavior has a positive influence on their own safety behavior. 19.6% adopted a neutral stance and 13.4% emphatically highlight this influence, reflecting the importance of the collective environment as a catalyst for safe practices.

Table 1 presents an overview of the survey data, reflecting a reactive stage according to the cultural maturity curve. This implies a culture that responds to incidents rather than anticipating them

them. In addition, there is evidence of a favorable foundation of individual awareness, but with deficiencies in visible leadership, participation, and feedback channels.

Table 1. Overall survey data results.

Etap	Pregunta	Muy en desacuerdo (1)	En desacuerdo (2)	Neutral (3)	De acuerdo (4)	Muy de acuerdo (5)	
Reactiva	Después de un accidente o incidente, en mi área se busca aprender, no culpar.	8	12	12	41	22	-1.4405 Reactiva
Reactiva	Los errores relacionados con la seguridad se analizan en lugar de castigarlos.	8	19	15	44	14	-1.3804 Reactiva
Reactiva	Todos en mi área asumen la responsabilidad de mantener la seguridad.	7	15	19	45	15	-1.3911 Reactiva
Reactiva	En mi equipo se actúa preventivamente ante riesgos, no sólo cuando ocurren.	7	17	14	50	13	-2.1554 Reactiva
Dependiente	Los procedimientos de seguridad se revisan con regularidad.	3	24	32	37	6	-0.8738 Reactiva
Dependiente	Cumplo con las normas de seguridad porque creo en su importancia.	4	7	16	53	21	-1.7138 Reactiva
Dependiente	Los líderes supervisan con frecuencia el cumplimiento de las normas de seguridad.	7	22	24	29	6	-0.2358 Reactiva
Dependiente	La capacitación en seguridad es una prioridad en mi área de trabajo.	8	18	19	43	21	-1.0708 Reactiva
Independiente	Me considero responsable de mi propia seguridad en el trabajo.	8	2	10	49	32	3.94028 Independiente
Independiente	Si veo una condición insegura, actúo aunque no me oferte directamente.	7	12	20	41	21	3.56436 Independiente
Independiente	Comparto respetuosamente a un compañero si detecto un comportamiento inseguro.	7	5	13	52	24	3.88196 Independiente
Independiente	Propongo ideas o mejoras relacionadas con la seguridad cuando la considero necesaria.	6	7	29	51	6	3.47025 Independiente
Independiente	Me comprometo a cuidar mutuamente en temas de seguridad.	7	18	25	49	6	3.4257 Independiente
Independiente	En mi equipo se promueve abiertamente la seguridad como un valor fundamental.	5	12	21	55	6	3.4811 Independiente
Independiente	Se celebran los logros relacionados con la seguridad en mi lugar de trabajo.	18	25	21	30	6	3.3893 Dependiente
Independiente	El comportamiento de mi equipo influye positivamente en mi forma de trabajar seguro.	5	7	19	56	14	3.48338 Independiente
		6.75	12.875	19.875	48.3125	15.125	0.9400 Reactiva

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

Based on the analysis of the evaluation averages corresponding to each of the stages of the cultural maturity model, it was determined that the company is currently at a reactive level within the Bradley curve.

The Bradley curve illustrates the relationship between accidents and corporate culture, and also provides a way to assess your own safety culture. It does this by representing four distinct stages, as shown in Fig. 2; companies with frequent accidents are in the first stage, and in the fourth stage are companies where accidents do not occur frequently or do not occur at all. (G&F Corporate Development, 2024).



Figure 2. Stages of the Bradley Curve.

Source: G&F Corporate Development.

This classification was obtained by identifying an average value of 0.79022, which clearly falls within the range defined for the reactive stage (≤ 2.0). As illustrated in Figure 3, this curve allows us to graphically visualize the degree of cultural maturity of the organization in relation to its occupational safety and health (OSH) management.

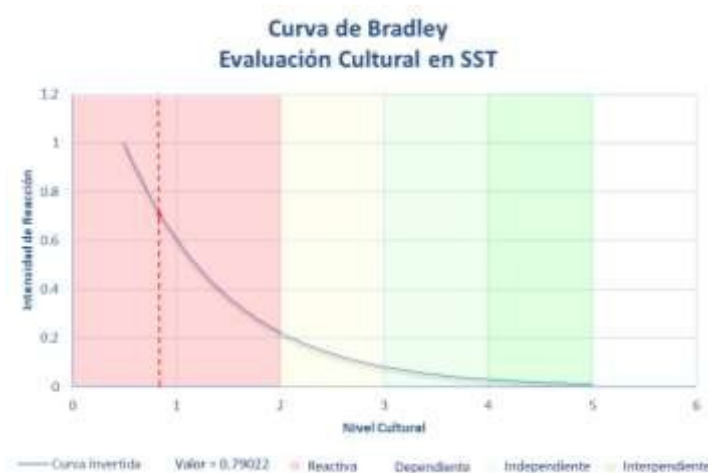


Figure 3. Gantt chart.

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

This result shows that the company maintains a predominantly reactive approach to occupational risks, i.e., OSH actions tend to be implemented mainly in response to incidents, rather than in anticipation of them. Recognizing this position on the curve is not only useful for describing the current situation, but also serves as a starting point for devising strategies to move towards more proactive stages, such as cultural dependence, independence, and interdependence.

Root cause analysis

As part of the situational diagnosis of occupational safety and health (OSH), an Ishikawa diagram was developed, as shown in Fig. 4, in order to identify the main causes contributing to a poor safety culture within the organization.

Cultura de seguridad deficiente

Diagrama de Ishikawa



Figure 4. Root cause analysis.

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

This analysis tool made it possible to categorize and organize the potential causes into six key factors associated with the company's operating environment:

Workforce: It was found that some staff members lack ongoing training in occupational health and safety, as well as having low risk awareness and engaging in repetitive unsafe behaviors. These factors reflect a weak preventive culture and the need to strengthen human resource competencies in occupational safety.

Measurement: The company does not have effective systems for monitoring and tracking key safety indicators. The absence of objective data and reactive risk management prevent evidence-based decision-making and hinder continuous improvement.

Materials: The use of outdated or low-quality personal protective equipment (PPE) was identified, as well as problems with the availability and replacement of critical PPE. This situation represents a direct risk to the physical integrity of workers exposed to mechanical, thermal, or chemical hazards.

Machinery: There are recurring technical failures that are not reported, as well as machinery without the proper safety certification. In addition, there was evidence of a non-existent or outdated maintenance plan, which increases the likelihood of workplace accidents due to technical failures.

Methods: Work procedures have deficiencies such as the omission of operating instructions, outdated protocols, and the absence of effective prevention plans. This variability in execution creates unsafe working conditions.

Environment: With regard to the physical environment, inadequate disposal of hazardous waste and insufficient order and cleanliness in operational areas were observed, aspects that directly influence the perception and reality of a safe working environment.

Operational risk assessment

Through risk analysis, the different types and levels of risk present within the organization can be systematically identified, assessed, quantified, and managed. This process is a fundamental tool within the occupational health and safety management system, as it allows for the anticipation of possible events that could affect the physical integrity of workers, operational continuity, or regulatory compliance. Through structured hazard detection and assessment techniques, risk analysis provides an objective basis for preventive decision-making, control prioritization, and efficient resource allocation.

Classification and Assessment by Area

The risk analysis presents activities with a high level of risk, as can be seen in Table 2. Routine cutting and grinding activities carried out by sheet metal workers have been identified as posing a significant potential risk associated with the use of hand tools such as angle grinders. These tools, which are essential for finishing and shaping metal materials, involve inherent hazards such as cuts, lacerations, friction burns, and muscle spasms resulting from improper posture or repetitive movements.

Table 2. Routine activities with high risk value.

Punto ID	Actividades que Pueden/ Pueden ser dañadas	Tipo de actividad (Operativa o Mantenimiento)	Peligro	Clasificación del peligro	Lugar donde se encuentra el Peligro	Consecuencias Potenciales	Controles Existentes Actuales	Severidad Exposición Probabilidad										Riesgo	
Punto 1	Mantenimiento de herramientas eléctricas	No Operativa	Accidente del trabajo al no estar correctamente mantenidas	Eléctrico	Área de producción	Heridas cortantes Insuficiencias Mantenimiento Mantenimiento de herramientas eléctricas	Equipamiento Uso de equipo de protección personal Procedimientos de trabajo Procedimientos de mantenimiento de herramientas eléctricas	4										3	16
	Trabajo eléctrico	No Operativa	Accidente del trabajo al no estar correctamente mantenidas	Eléctrico	Área de producción	Caida de materiales electrónicos golpes	Procedimientos preventivos a realizar Capacitación de personal	4										3	16
	Trabajo de soldadura Procedimientos de producción Aplicación de soldadura	Operativa	Proceso de soldadura	Eléctrico	Área de producción	Quemaduras	Capacitación Uso de equipo de protección personal		2		4							2	16
	Actividades de corte a máquina de metal	Operativa	Uso de herramientas de corte a máquina (materiales)	Eléctrico	Área de producción	Heridas cortantes Heridas cortantes	Procedimientos preventivos Uso de equipo de protección personal Uso de equipo de protección personal (casaca, guantes, guantes, guantes)	4										3	16
	Trabajo de mantenimiento de herramientas eléctricas	No Operativa	Proceso de mantenimiento de herramientas eléctricas	Eléctrico	Área de producción	Heridas cortantes Heridas cortantes	Procedimientos preventivos Uso de equipo de protección personal Uso de equipo de protección personal (casaca, guantes, guantes, guantes)	4										3	16

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

Other risks identified in Table 3 are based on welders working in confined spaces, where exposure to fumes can cause respiratory diseases in workers due to prolonged exposure.

Potato farmers are exposed to this risk, but there is also another significant risk during their welding, product part fixing, and other activities due to the welding process, with the risk of causing permanent eye damage to workers.

General assistants are exposed to a high level of risk during a non-routine but present activity, cleaning material (carbon and stainless steel) due to the use of hazardous chemicals, encountering a chemical hazard that causes respiratory diseases in employees due to exposure.

Table 3. Routine activities with high risk value.

Punto (a)	Actividades con Riesgo / Ambiente de trabajo	Tipo de actividad (Rutinario / No rutinario)	Peligro	Clasificación del peligro	Lugar donde se encuentra el Peligro	Consecuencias Potenciales	Controles Existentes Actuales	Severidad	Exposición	Potencial de Incidencia	Nivel de Riesgo
Soldador	Soldadura de soldadura	Rutinario	Proceso de soldadura	Químico	Haza de producción	dado oculto permanente	equipo de protección personal	3	4	2	16
				Físico	Haza de producción			2	4	2	16
				Físico	Haza de producción			2	4	2	16
	Trabajo en confinamiento	No Rutinario	Ingreso a espacios confinados tipo 1 y 2	Químico	Haza de producción	enfermedades respiratorias	estudios médicos EPP	1	4	3	12
palete	Puerto de Soldadura, fijación de partes del producto con tornillos, como soldadura	Rutinario	Proceso de soldadura	Físico	Haza de producción	dado oculto permanente	equipo de protección personal	3	4	3	16
	Trabajo en confinamiento	No Rutinario	Ingreso a espacios confinados tipo 1 y 2	Químico	Haza de producción	enfermedades respiratorias	estudios médicos EPP	2	4	3	16
Tubero	Puerto de Soldadura, fijación de partes del producto con tornillos, como soldadura	Rutinario	Proceso de soldadura	Físico	Haza de producción	dado oculto permanente	equipo de protección personal	3	4	3	16
asistente general	Limpieza de material, arena al carbonar, a nivel de	No Rutinario	Uso de productos químicos peligrosos	Químico	Haza de producción	enfermedades respiratorias	estudios médicos EPP	3	4	3	16

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

During the application of paint, as shown in Table 4, painters are exposed to a hazard involving the application of paint in areas that are difficult to access, creating an ergonomic hazard. They are also exposed to the use and handling of hazardous chemicals. 4, painters are exposed to a hazard when applying paint in areas that are difficult to access, creating an ergonomic hazard. They are also exposed to the use and handling of hazardous chemicals, which create a chemical hazard and may lead to poisoning. Working in confined spaces represents another hazard for painters due to the need to enter tanks to paint the interior, which may cause respiratory diseases.

Personnel responsible for sandblasting face a risk of poisoning when using the pressure pot containing the abrasive material. Likewise, when handling silica sand for

cleaning the material, there is a risk of developing respiratory diseases. These activities, considered routine for sandblasters, present a risk level of 36.

Table 4. Routine activities with a high risk value.

Proceso	Actividades que Realizan dentro de la planta	Tipo de actividad (Peligro o No Peligroso)	Peligro	Clasificación del peligro	Lugar donde se encuentra el Peligro	Consecuencias Potenciales	Control Existente Actual	Severidad	Frecuencia	Riesgo (SECT)
Pintar	Aplicación de pintura	No Peligroso	Aplicación de pintura en las carrocerías	Explosiva	Sección de Pintado	Intoxicación	Atado mediante CDP	3	4	12
		Peligroso	Aplicación de pintura en las carrocerías	Químico	Sección de Pintado	Intoxicación	Atado mediante CDP	3	4	12
	Tubos en Espacio Confinado	No Peligroso	Trabaja en espacios confinados	Químico	Sección de Pintado	Intoxicación	Atado mediante CDP	3	4	12
Servicios	Mantenimiento de equipos	Peligroso	Uso de ODS para la limpieza de equipos	Físico	Sección de Pintado	Intoxicación	Atado mediante CDP	3	4	12
		Peligroso	Trabajo de limpieza de equipos	Químico	Sección de Pintado	Intoxicación	Atado mediante CDP	3	4	12

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

By analyzing the risks within the organization and classifying them according to severity and impact levels, we were able to accurately identify the areas most exposed to risk using a risk map, as shown in Fig. 5. In this visual representation, each colored dot indicates the level of risk identified in different areas of the plant:

Red: Corresponds to the Red Zone, which represents critical risk levels (values from 26 to 25). These areas require immediate action, including the shutdown of operations until the risk level is reduced.

Orange: Identifies the Orange Zone, with medium-high risk levels (values from 13 to 25), where corrective action is required to reduce the risk to acceptable levels.

Yellow: Represents the Yellow Zone, where the risk is moderate (values from 6 to 12) and constant evaluation and monitoring are recommended to prevent it from worsening.

Green: Indicates the Green Zone, with low risk (values from 1 to 5), where current controls should be maintained and continuous compliance ensured.

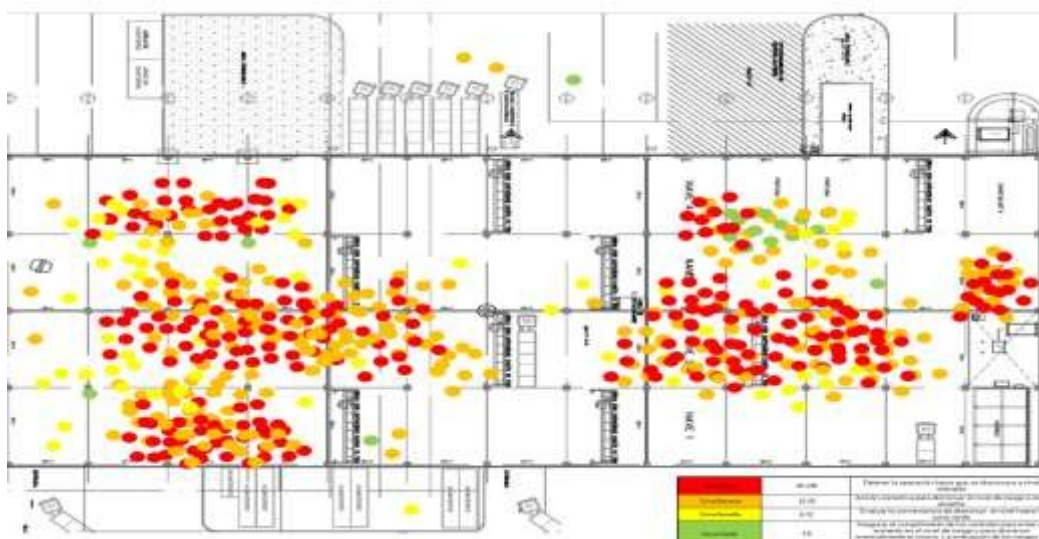


Figure 5. Risk map.

Source: Own elaboration (2025).

Risk map

The distribution of points allows critical areas within the plant to be clearly visualized, identifying specific areas with a high concentration of risks, which facilitates the prioritization of interventions, improvements in operational controls, and reinforces decision-making in occupational health and safety matters, as shown in Figure 19. This type of tool is essential for implementing an effective preventive management system and ensuring safe working conditions for staff.

CONCLUSIONS

The development of this research made it possible to identify, structure, and implement a series of strategic actions aimed at strengthening the company's Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS), based on the guidelines established by the applicable Official Mexican Standards and the criteria of the Occupational Health and Safety Self-Management Program (PASST).

Throughout the process, there was significant progress in regulatory compliance. By analyzing each regulation and implementing specific action plans, it was possible to reduce the number of requirements that were only partially compliant and increase the number of fully compliant requirements by 5%, reflecting a sustained institutional commitment to legality, occupational risk prevention, and continuous improvement.

Among the main achievements were the updating of operating procedures, the integration of internal brigades, the implementation of preventive programs, the dissemination of personal protection measures, and the systematic assessment of risks by activity, which provided objective evidence of progress in compliance with regulations. Each of these actions was designed and implemented according to the specific needs of the organization, strengthening its response capacity and alignment with regulatory standards. Identifying staff training needs by position and creating an annual program will reinforce the minimum knowledge necessary to perform activities with a higher level of safety. Finally, this research lays the foundation for the company to move toward its goal of being officially recognized as a "Safe Company." The work carried out sets the tone for the organization to continue working and positioning itself at a higher level of technical and organizational maturity, strengthening its reputation with customers, employees, and stakeholders, and reaffirming its social responsibility and commitment to a safe, healthy, and sustainable work environment.

FUTURE WORK

For future research, it will be essential to establish a comprehensive approach to safety management. This involves a study to strengthen existing controls and the design and implementation of new preventive measures adapted to the specific conditions of critical areas of the company.

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