

STANDARDIZING POLICY DESIGN AND APPROVAL – WHY IT MATTERS

THE POLICY MANAGEMENT ILLUSTRATED SERIES - PART TWO

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Learning Objectives

- Outline a consistent process for agile policy development and approval
- Identify policy information that helps enable future management and defense
- Determine how to use policy management technology during the policy development phase





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A collaborative approach to policy development and approval

Policy development is continual, whether creating new policies or revising existing ones in response to change. Organizations need a structured approach to policy development supported by appropriate technology to ensure that policies are developed and approved in a collaborative and consistent manner in accordance with the scope and design of the policy management system.

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Do we have the mechanisms to communicate

improve productivity, effectiveness, or efficiency?

or workforce justify having this policy?

or other obligation?

experience?

bureaucracy?

organizational culture?

and enforce the policy?

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ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

STEERING COMMITTEE

- · Govern the policy management program
- · Approve templates, guidance and procedures
- · Review and revise the program as needed to reflect changes in the environment
- Include representatives across departments

PROGRAM MANAGER

- Manage the policy development process
- · Guide policy owners and developers
- · Oversee policy approval committees
- · Chair and/or facilitate the steering committee

POLICY OWNER

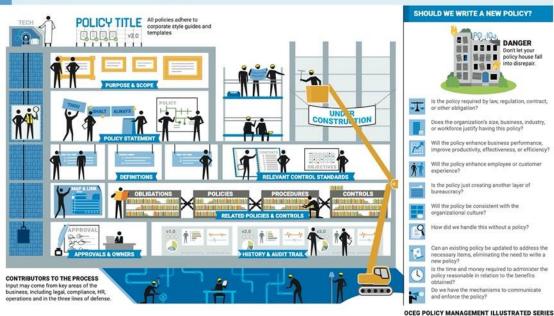
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- · Establish plan for policy communication and training
- Evaluate changes in factors
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- · Draft policies using approved templates and style guide
- · Follow the established
- development process
- · Confirm each policy addresses identified obligations



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Start with the Policy Team

There are many players involved in policy management – from the compliance officer to operational managers and departmental heads in areas such as HR, IT, Legal and others.

- Who needs to be involved in establishing a standardized methodology for policy authoring, issuance and approval?
- What are the roles and how can they best collaborate?



Key Policy Management Roles



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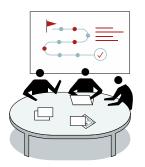
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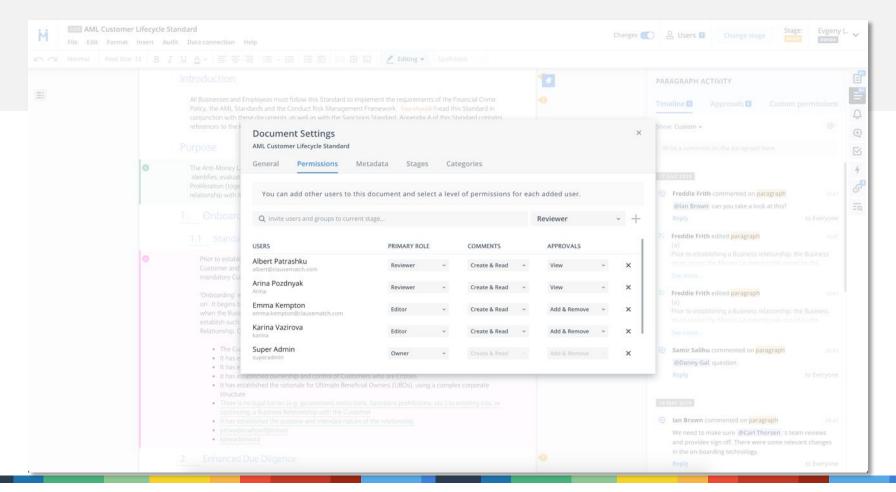
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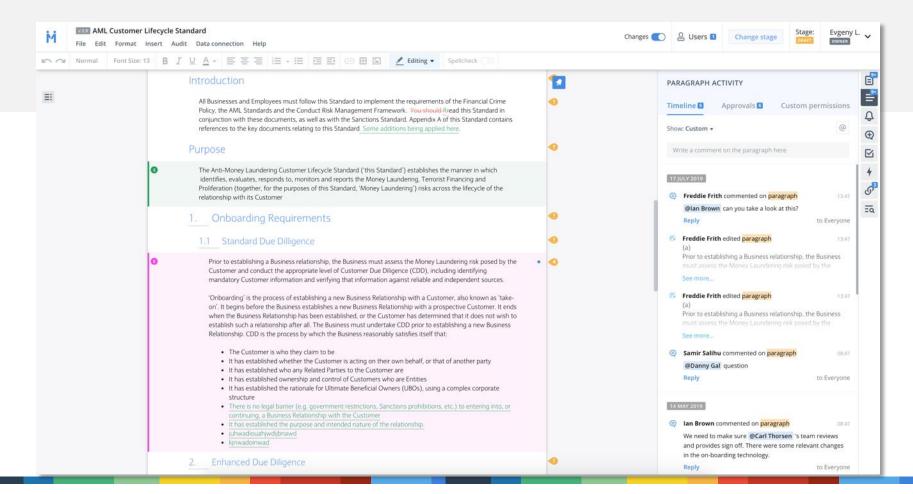


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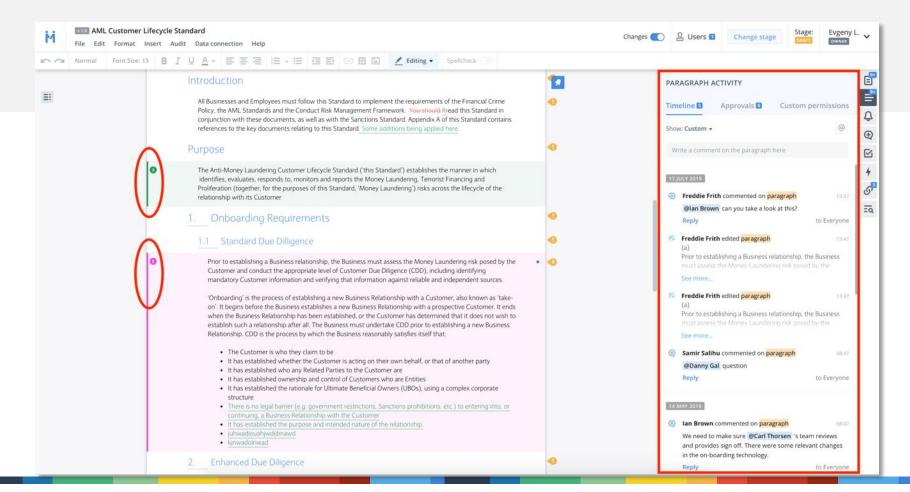














Develop the Policy on Policies

In most organizations today, it is possible to find "policies" floating around or even being enforced that have never gone through proper channels for issuance and approval. Failure to have a consistent style and template for policies makes it hard to know whether a policy is approved and in force.

- Why do you recommend establishing a "policy on policies" to address this problem?
- What are some of the critical components that should be part of the policy on policies?





Start with a MetaPolicy that has support from Executive Management

- Brings integrity and value to policy management
- Provides accountability to policy management processes that are often scattered across the organization
- Enables policy management to work in harmony across organization functions delivering efficiency, effectiveness, and agility
- Well-governed and written policies improve performance, produce predictable outcomes, mitigate compliance risk & avoid incidents & loss

MetaPolicy – the "Policy on Policies"

Core components of MetaPolicy include:

- Roles, responsibilities and accountabilities
- ✓ Scope of what is governed by MetaPolicy
- ✓ Definitions of governance documents and resources.
- ✓ Structure and content
- √ Format & style requirements
- √ Use of templates
- Requirements for central policy repository
- Policy governance rules for creation, approval, retirement, updating/maintenance, and exceptions
- √ Assurance methodologies



Poll 2

Does your organization have a "policy on policies" or other documented guidance and approval requirements for developing policies?

- a. Yes for the entity
- b. Yes but only within departments
- c. No but planning to do so
- d. No
- e. I don't know

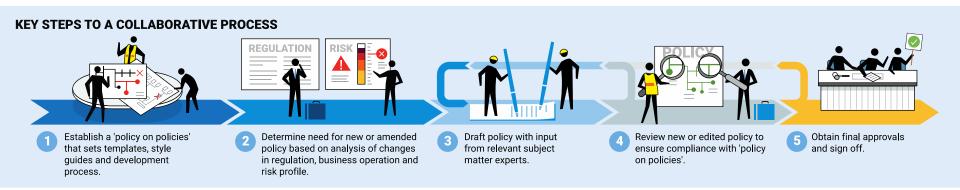


Define policy development/approval steps

- Once you have the policy on policies, what are the key steps in getting a policy designed and approved before implementation?
- How does policy management technology assist through this process?

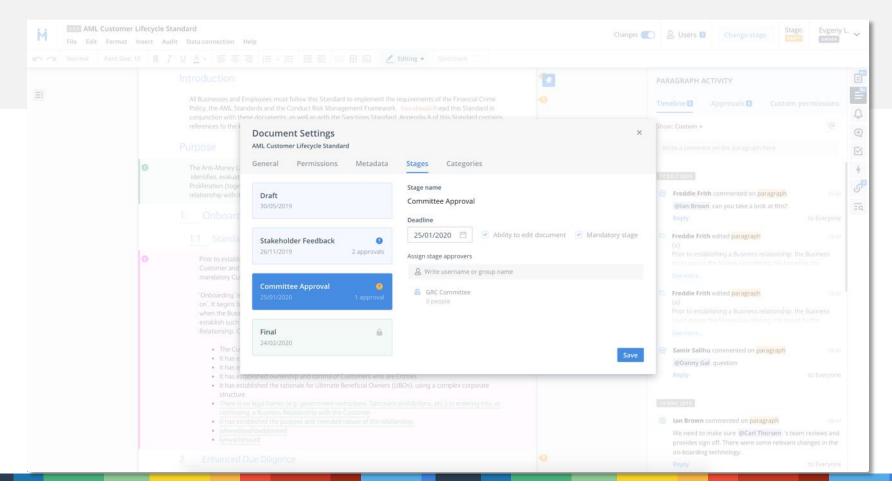


Start with an approved policy process – the Policy on Policies

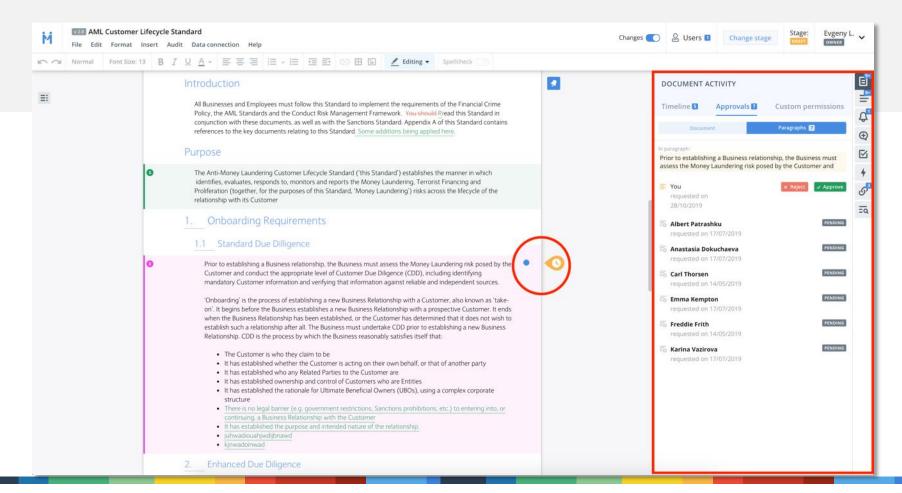


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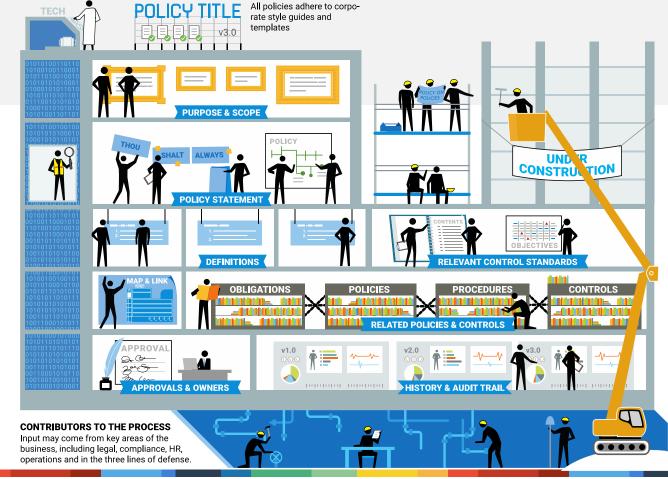


Discussion Questions

- What would a typical policy template look like?
- What areas of content should be included?
- How does each area of content get used during implementation and enforcement of the policy?



What the policy template should contain



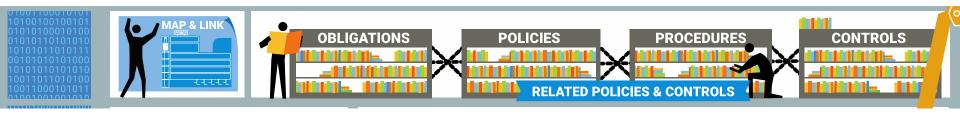


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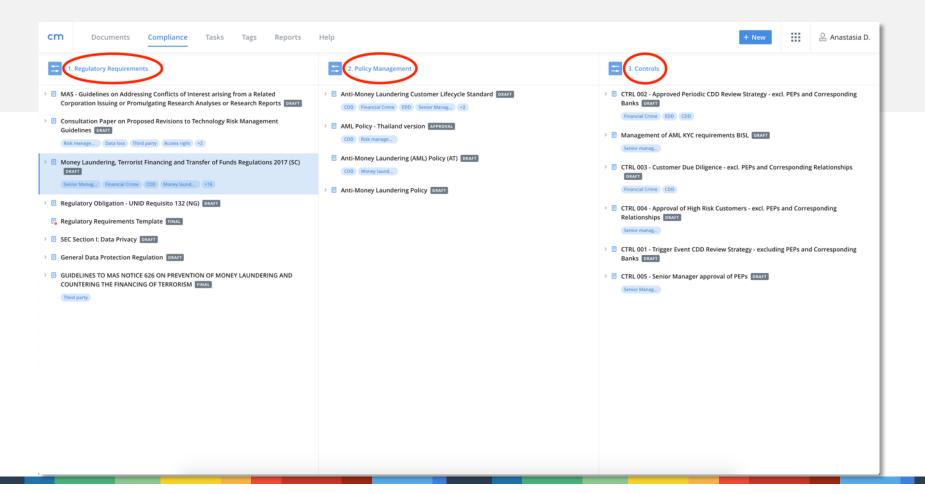
- In our illustration we show linkage between the obligations that drive the policy and the related procedures and controls. Why is that important?
- How can modern policy management technology turn this referenced linkage into real connectivity?
- What advantage does that provide?



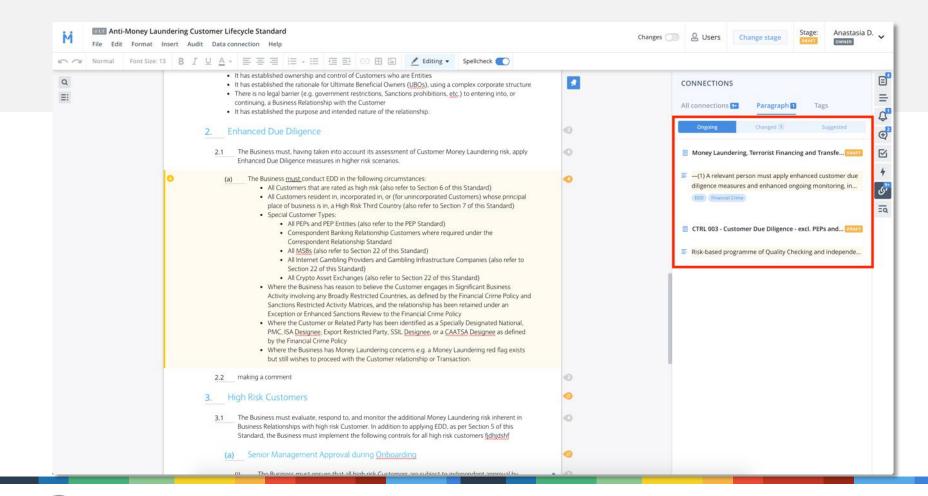
Identify Related Obligations, Procedures and Controls



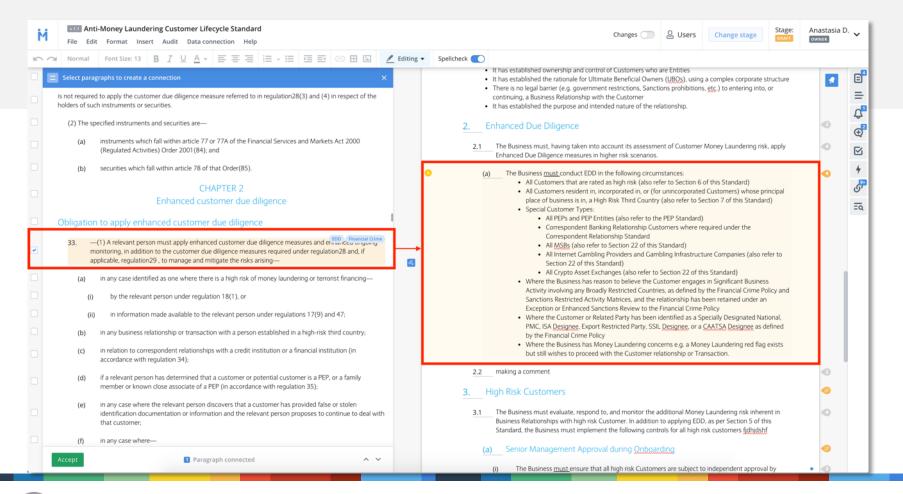




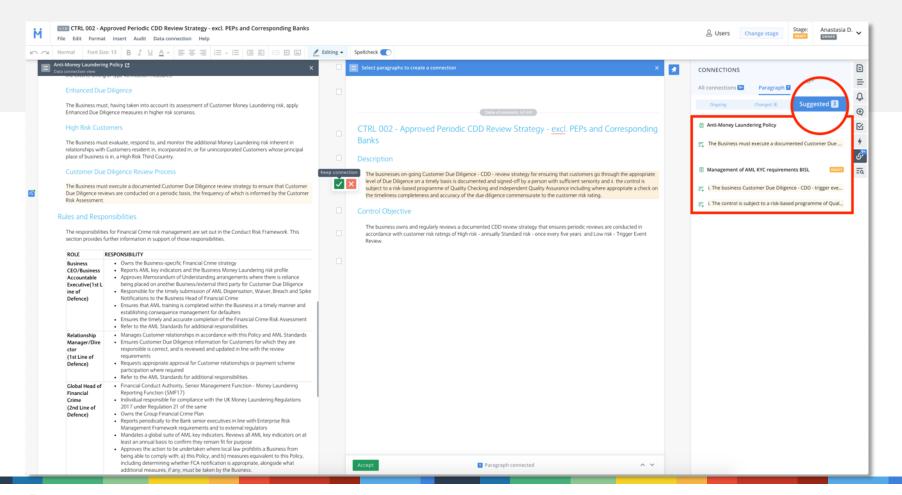














Poll 3

Does your organization currently use technology purpose built for policy management?

- a. Yes for the entire entity
- b. Yes but only in some areas
- c. No we adapt other technology or use spreadsheets
- d. I don't know



Developing history and version control

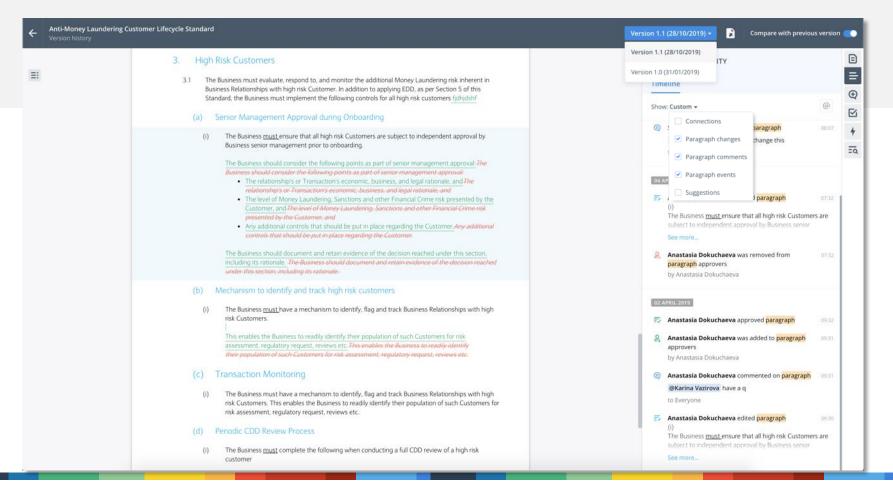
- We also note that authorizations and version history should be included in the policy template. What is the purpose of including these items in the policy itself?
- Does technology make use of this information more effective as well?



Building the Audit Trail and Defense Pathway









Think before developing new policies

Last but not least, even if you have a great policy development process, that doesn't mean you always need to have a policy.

What are some of the questions you should ask before deciding to develop a new policy?



Questions to ask before starting a new policy

SHOULD WE WRITE A NEW POLICY?



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