

1. Improving Mixing Consistency

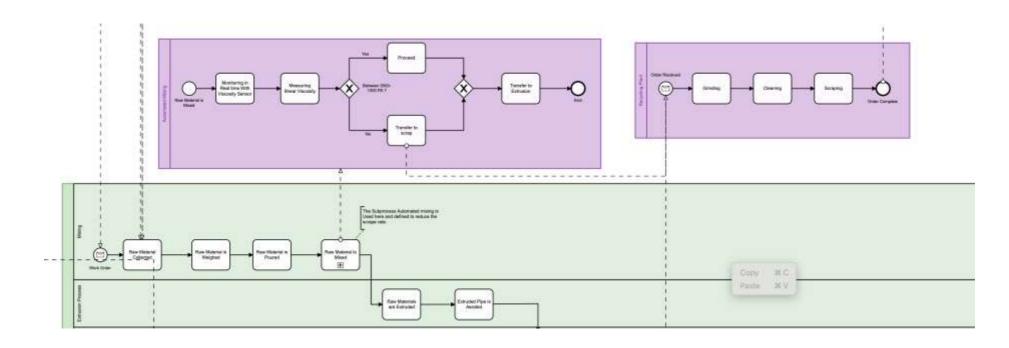
(Decreases Scrap Rate)

• Current Problem-

• Inconsistent blending of HDPE resin, color masterbatch, and additives can cause variations in pipe properties (e.g., strength, color uniformity, and durability).

• Solution-

- Standardize Raw Material Ratios: Define precise recipes (e.g., using a gravimetric dosing system) to ensure uniform proportions of resin and additives.
- Automated Mixing Control: Equip mixers with PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers) or digital controllers to maintain consistent mixing speed, temperature, and time.
- Quality Checks Before Extrusion: Use in-line spectrophotometers or sampling tests to confirm color and composition before moving to extrusion.



IMPROVEMENT PROCESS FOR BPMN SCHEMA -

• BPMN Integration-

- Add a Subprocess for "Automated Mixing" with System for real-time ratio adjustments.
- Insert a Quality Check Task (Shear viscosity) before sending the mixture to extrusion.
- Conditional Gateway to either proceed if within spec or return to re-mixing if not.
- I have integrated the process improvement into my BPMN schema as follows.



2. Optimizing Cooling Efficiency

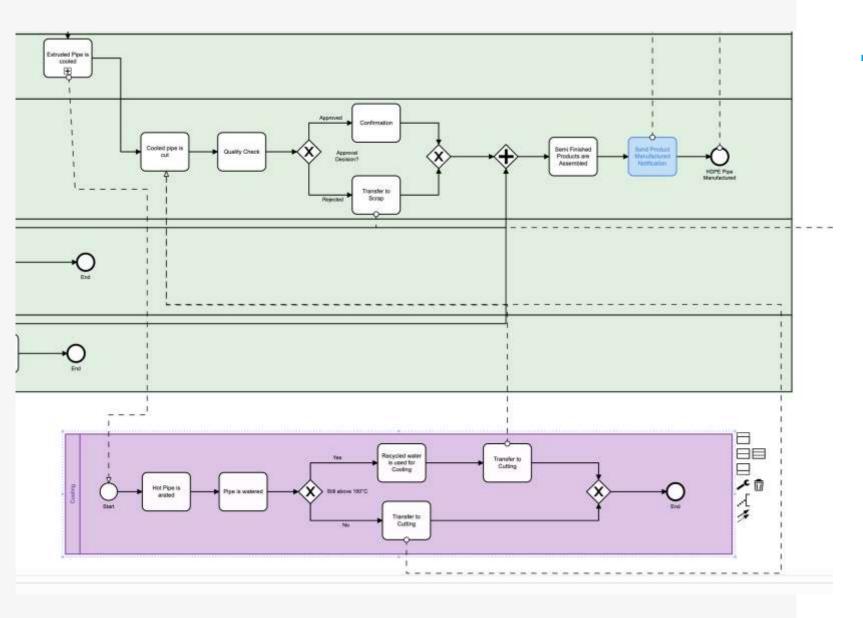
(Decreases Energy efficiency)

•Current Problem –

Overcooling, inconsistent cooling, or excessive water usage can increase operational costs and slow down production. Inconsistent cooling can also lead to warping or dimensional inaccuracies in the final pipe.

•Solution-

- Closed-Loop Water System: Recycle cooling water to reduce costs and environmental impact.
- Smart Temperature Control: Install sensors to measure both water and pipe surface temperatures; use data to modulate flow rates and temperatures in real-time.
- **Zoned Cooling Tanks:** Segment the cooling bath into zones, each with different temperature settings, to match the thermal profile needed as the pipe moves downstream.



IMPROVEMENT PROCESS FOR BPMN SCHEMA -

- BPMN Integration-
 - Cooling Subprocess that includes sensor-based monitoring tasks.
 - Decision Gateways to adjust flow or temperature based on sensor data.
 - Feedback Loop to continuously refine cooling parameters and maintain optimal conditions.
- I have integrated the process improvement into my BPMN schema as follows.