File 20120314.2340: What I am thinking now is 'how could the RTG 1.0 certification failure have been averted?'

The distinction between slips, errors (usually caused by inadequate training), and violations (deliberate, possibly as a result of inadequate explanation of the importance of a protective control) is explored in more depth in Kletz [1] on human error.

WAR due tomorrow. It is my birthday and Dr Ashbourn's birthday tomorrow. Friday through Sunday, I will be ferrying M and A around for St Patrick's day dancing events.

References

[1] Trevor Kletz. An Engineer's View of Human Error. Institution of Chemical Engineers, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 3HQ, UK, second edition, 1991. ISBN 0 85295 265 1.