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Process Plant Pressure Relieving and Flaring Systems Introduction Training Course

The success of every company depends of each employee's understanding of the key business components. Employee training and development will unlock the companies' profitability and reliability. When people, processes and technology work together as a team developing practical solutions, companies can maximize profitability and assets in a sustainable manner. Training and development is an investment in future success - give yourself and your employees the keys to success

It is strategically important that your team understands the fundamentals of process unit operations concepts. This is the difference between being in the best quartile of operational ability and being in the last quartile. There is vast difference in the operational ability of operating companies and most benchmarking studies have confirmed this gap in operational abilities.

Whether you have a team of new or seasoned employees, an introduction or review of these concepts are very beneficial in closing the gap if you are not in the best quartile, or maintaining a leadership position. Most studies show that a continuous reinforcement of best practices in operational principles is the most effective way to obtain the desired results. Training and learning should be an on going continuous life long goal.



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Course Objective

This course will guide the participates to develop key concepts and techniques for optimizing and designing pressure relieving and flaring systems. These key concepts can be utilized to make operating decisions that can improve your unit's performance.

Many aspects of pressure relieving and flaring systems can be improved including, product recoveries, energy utilization, environmental impacts, and safety. This cannot be achieved without first an understanding of basic fundamental principles of design and operation. These principles need to be understood in advance of operating and trouble shooting a process unit operation for the manager or problem solving to be effective.

Each company needs to have people trained in key areas of safety. These include:

- 1. Hazard Analysis
- Relieve Valve Design
- 3. Reliving Cases Design
- 4. Flare System Design

This seminar focuses on the core building blocks of the relieving and flaring process systems, equipment and economics. This program will emphasize the process unit operation fundamentals, safe utilization of these fundamentals by operations, engineering, maintenance and support personnel.

This course is an introductory course for these topics – for an advanced course consider attending our advanced Flaring Systems course.



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Outline

Introduction

• Overview of the Chemical Processing Industry

Review of Process Incidents

• Safety for the Chemical Processing Industry

Introduction to Flaring System Equipment

- Flare Headers
- Relief Valves
- Knock Out Drums
- Flares
- Heat Exchangers
- Pumps
- Compressors

Overview of a Flare Header

- Comparison of Flare Header Designs
- Line Sizing Fundamentals
- Flare Line Routing
- Materials of Construction
- Flare Line Safety Case Study



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Overview of a Pressure Relieve Valve

- Design of a Pressure Relieve Valve
- Sizing a Pressure Relieve Valve
- Sizing Reliving Cases
 - 1. Fire Case
 - 2. Power Failure
 - 3. Cooling Water Failure
- Design Case Studies

Overview of a Flare Knock Out Drum

- Comparison of KO Drum Designs
- KO Drum Design Guidelines
- Heat Exchangers
- Pumps
- Compressors

Overview of a Flare

- Comparison of Flare Designs
 - 1. Elevated Flare
 - 2. Ground Flare
 - 3. Enclosed Flare
 - 4. Thermal Oxidizer
- Sizing a Flare Tip
- Sizing a Flare Height
- Design Case Studies

Flare Safety Guidelines

• High Integrity Protection Systems (HIPS)



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Environmental Aspects

- Flare Combustion Efficiency
- Flare Smoking

Process Equipment Troubleshooting

- Troubleshooting concepts and techniques
- Typical Problems
- Interaction of Process and Equipment



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Who Should Attend:

- People who are making day to day decisions regarding operation, design, and economics of processing plants;
 - 1. 1st Line Operations personnel,
 - 2. Operation Supervisors,
 - 3. 1st Line Maintenance personnel,
 - 4. Maintenance Supervisors,
 - 5. Senior Plant Supervisors,
 - 6. Operations Engineers
 - 7. Process Support Engineers,
 - 8. Design Engineers,
 - 9. Cost Engineers
- Ideal for veterans and those with only a few years of experience who want to review or broaden their understanding in Processing Plant Operations.
- Other professionals who desire a better understanding of subject matter



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What you can expect to gain:

- An detailed overview of Flaring Systems operations, design processes and environmental concerns
- Gain an understanding of the equipment of a Flaring System
- Gain an understanding of the design of these critical pieces of equipment
- Review safety guidelines of Flaring Systems
- Troubleshooting Techniques