

Introduction to Ethylene Unit Operations and Troubleshooting Training Course

Introduction

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 are 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.

The unit on stream time is an indication of operations training. A first quartile-operating unit's on stream factor is greater than 97%. If the on stream factor is below 97% a review of operation training and development is warranted. If on stream factor or average years of operating experience is declining a review of operations training and development should be considered.

Whether you have a team of new or seasoned employees, an introduction or review of these concepts is greatly 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 ongoing continuous lifelong goal.

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Course Objective

This course will guide the participants to develop key concepts and techniques to operate and troubleshoot key Ethylene fundamental unit operation systems. These key concepts can be utilized to make operating decisions that can improve your unit's performance.

Since day-to-day operation problem solving and optimizing are critical to the profitability of plant operations, troubleshooting is a prime responsibility of plant operations, maintenance, and engineering personnel. The importance of troubleshooting has grown as plants push to operate at higher and higher throughput levels. Lost profits due to unsolved unit problems can never be recovered.

Consistently maintaining smooth operation, maximum capacity, and acceptable product quality are important goals that can be difficult to achieve. Thus, this program has been developed to provide an in-depth, yet practical review of the art and science of plant troubleshooting.

The program's content is both comprehensive and wide-ranging. The sessions begin with a discussion of the fundamentals, including process objectives, equipment behavior, interaction of the process and equipment, and troubleshooting techniques. Once the fundamentals are established the session moves into the topics of troubleshooting techniques, analysis, and problem solving.

Program participants will have the opportunity to obtain a broad working knowledge of troubleshooting principles and practice, to gain insight into both traditional and advanced techniques, and to interact with others working in plants. The program is ideal for personnel involved in plant troubleshooting, process engineering, plant operations, and technical services. Process personnel from operating, design, and construction companies, as well as others providing services to the petroleum and petrochemical industries, should also find this program beneficial.

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Course Duration and Delivery

Typical course duration is 3 to 5 days based on the background of the participants. One of our Senior Technical Professional with over 25 years of experience would lead the class. Instruction can be in house or in an online webinar.

Syllabus

1. Introduction
 - Overview of the Processing Industry
 - Chemistry of the Processing Industry
 - Safety for the Operation and Maintenance Groups

2. Introduction to Troubleshooting
 - Typical Equipment Problems
 - Integration of Process, Equipment and People
 - Troubleshooting Techniques
 - Troubleshooting Tools

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3. Ethylene Overview

- Typical Ethylene Flowsheets
- Comparison of Flow Schemes
- Ethane Flowsheet
- E/P Flowsheets
- Naphtha Flowsheets
- Furnace Overview
- Quench Systems Design and Operation
- Compression Overview
- Separation
- Refrigeration
- Hydrogenation Acetylene Reactor Catalyst Review
- Molecular Sieve
- Flare Safety Review
- Ethylene Process Variables
- Ethylene Economics

4. Ethylene Furnaces

- Overview of Ethylene Furnace
 - Historical Development
 - Design Constraints
 - Residence time
 - Partial Pressure
 - Low Pressure
 - Comparison of Current Designs
 - One pass coil
 - Two pass U coil
 - W coil
 - Hybrid coil
 - Furnace Run lengths
 - Design and normal run lengths of current designs
 - Factors affecting run lengths

- Anti-Coking
 - Comparison of technologies
- Future Opportunities
 - Catalytic
 - Latest patents
- Safe Commissioning of a Process Furnace
- Design of Furnaces
 - A. Pyrolysis
 - B. Radiant Coil
 - C. Coking
 - D. De Coking
 - E. Burners
 - G Convection
 - H. Control
 - I. Revamps
- Burner Management Systems
- Economics – Excess Air Control, Flame Pattern
- Trouble Shooting
 - Convection Bowing
 - Insulation
 - External transition designs
- Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

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5. Boilers and Steam Systems

- Overview of Boilers and Steam Systems
 - Boiler Film
- Safe Commissioning of Boilers and Steam Systems
- Design of Boilers
- Burner Management Systems
- Economics–Excess Air Control, Demin Water and Condensate
- Trouble Shooting
- Case Studies
 - Boiler Commissioning Safety Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

6. Steam Turbines, Pumps and Compressors

- Overview of Rotating Equipment
- Safe Commissioning of Rotating Equipment
- Design of Rotating Equipment
 - Ethylene Compressor Overview
- Economics – Steam Temperature, Preventative Maintenance
- Trouble Shooting of Rotating Equipment
- Case Study
 - Ethylene Compressor Check Valve Case Study
 - Small Bore Piping Case Study
 - Ethylene Compressor Systems Fouling
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

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7. Ethylene Distillation

- Overview of Distillation Equipment
- Safe Commissioning of Distillation Equipment
- Design of Distillation Equipment
 - Designing Towers for Fouling Service
 - Designing Towers for Quench Service
 - DSG Design
 - Caustic Tower
 - C2 Splitter
 - C3 Splitter
 - DeMethanizer
 - DePropanizer
 - DeEthanizer
 - DeButanizer
- Economics – Reflux Optimization, Reboiler Optimization, Tray Efficiency
- Trouble Shooting
 - Troubleshooting Guidelines
- Case Studies
 - BTX Case Study
 - Gamma Scan on Vacuum Tower
 - BTX Installation Case Study
 - Saturator Revamp Case Study
 - DSG Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines – Tray verses Packing
- Safety
 - Texas City Case Study

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8. Piping and Heat Exchangers

- Overview of Piping and Heat Exchanger Equipment
- Safe Commissioning of Piping and Heat Exchanger Equipment
- Design of Piping and Heat Exchangers
- Economics – Heat Exchanger Monitoring
- Trouble Shooting
- Case Studies
 - Piping Check Valve Case Study
 - Heat Exchanger Case Study
 - Hot Tapping Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety – Pressure Concerns

9. Process Control Systems

- Overview of Process Control Systems
- Safe Commissioning of Equipment utilizing Process Control Systems
- Design of Control Systems
- Economics – Process Optimization and Integration
- Process Control Schemes
- Safety Integrity Levels
- Trouble Shooting Instrumentation
- Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

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10 Reactor Systems

- Overview of Reactor Systems
 - Acetylene Reactors
 - MAPD Reactors
 - BTX Hydrogenation
 - Methanation
 - C4 Reactor
- Safe Commissioning of Reactor Equipment
- Design of Reactors
 - Front End vs Back End
- Economics – Process Optimization and Integration
- Reactor Flow Types
- Catalyst Types
- Trouble Shooting
- Case Study
 - Reactor Runaway Case Study
 - C4 Reactor Hot Spot Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

11. Overview of BTX Units

- Overview of BTX Units
- Safe Commissioning of Equipment
- Design of BTX Units
 - Liquid / Liquid Extraction versus Extractive Distillation
 - Process Variables
 - Hydrotreaters
 - Solvent Selection
- Economics
- Process Control Schemes
- Safety Integrity Levels
- Trouble Shooting
- Case Study
 - BTX Revamp

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- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

12 Molecular Sieve Systems

- Overview of Molecular Sieve Systems
- Safe Commissioning of Equipment
- Design of Molecular Sieve Systems
 - Liquid vs Vapor
 - Designing for low pressure drop
 - Use of screens
- Economics – Process Optimization and Integration
- Safety Integrity Levels
- Trouble Shooting
 - High dP
- Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Safety

13 Refrigeration Systems

- Overview of Refrigeration Systems
- Safe Commissioning of Equipment
- Design of Refrigeration
- Economics – Process Optimization and Integration
- Process Control Schemes
- Safety Integrity Levels
- Trouble Shooting
- Case Study
- Maintenance Guidelines
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14 Other Systems

- PSA Systems
- Benzene Water Stripper
- Caustic Oxidation System
- DOX Systems
- DSG Systems
- Ethylene Vaporizers

15. Flaring Systems

- Overview of Flaring Systems
 - Safety and Relief Valve
 - Flare Headers
 - Flare Knock Out Drums
 - Process Flares
- Safe Commissioning of Flare Equipment
- Design of Flaring Systems
- Economics – Process Optimization and Integration
- Trouble Shooting
 - High Delta P
- Case Study
 - Low Embrittlement Case Study
 - Hot Tapping
- Maintenance Guidelines
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Who Should Attend:

- People who are making day to day decisions regarding operation 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

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What You Can Expect To Gain;

- The Ethylene Unit Equipment Fundamentals – how each system functions from a hands on viewpoint
- Safe commissioning and utilization of process equipment
- Maintenance Guidelines
- Process furnace concepts and application
- Rotating equipment concepts and application
- Distillation concepts and troubleshooting
- Process Control guidelines
- Ethylene, Furnace and Distillation Case Studies
- Troubleshooting Concepts