

Course Content

Title: Introduction to Petroleum Refining Processing

Potential PDH: 16

Code: BTT051

Description:

This seminar program, outlined below, was designed to serve as an introduction to petroleum refining processing. The seminar focuses on the core refining processes of fluid catalytic cracking, alkylation, hydrotreating, hydrocracking, and catalytic reforming, although all major processes are covered in detail. The speakers will discuss feedstock properties, process chemistry, process variables, operating conditions, unit configuration, and refinery products. The interaction between yields, operating variables, and product variables will also be covered. In addition, the basic economics associated with petroleum refining and the impact of recent environmental regulations will be discussed. These program sessions will be presented by petroleum industry professionals who have extensive experience in all of the major processing areas in petroleum refining.

Outline:

1. How does a refinery fit into our overall business?
2. Our business is:
 - Finding crude and gas
 - Transporting crude to the refinery
 - Converting crude into valuable products (REFINING!)
 - Moving and marketing the products
3. This module will introduce you to:
 - How a Refinery converts crude (and other feedstocks) into products
 - What goes into the Refinery (crude and other feedstocks)
 - What comes out of the Refinery (products)
4. Reminder of Potential Refinery Hazards
5. The Refining Process
 - Understanding Crude
 - Refinery Products and Specifications
6. Types of Refineries
 - The Four Basic Refining Processes
 - Typical Refining Units
 - Balancing the Refinery
 - Product Realization of Refinery Types
7. Crude Oil Distillation Fundamentals
8. Hydrotreating of Petroleum
 - Hydrotreating Catalysts
 - Chemistry and Process Flow
 - Process Variables and Operating Conditions
 - Hydrotreated Product Yields and Properties
9. Hydrocracking of Petroleum
 - Hydrocracking Catalysts, Chemistry & Process Flow
 - Process Variables and Operating Conditions
 - Hydrocracker Yields and Product Properties
10. Isomerization

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- Catalysts, Chemistry & Operating Conditions
- Process Flow/Processing Options
- Isomerization Yields and Product Properties
- 11. Catalytic Reforming
 - Reforming Catalysts
 - Chemistry and Process Flow
 - Process Variables and Operating Conditions
 - Reformer Unit Configuration
 - Reduction of Aromatics and Benzene in Reformate
- 12. Fluid Catalytic Cracking
 - Mass, Heat, and Pressure Balance
 - FCC Catalysts, Chemistry & Process Flow
 - FCC Process Variables/Operating Conditions
 - Cracking of Heavy Feedstocks
- 13. Alkylation
 - HF Alkylation Process
 - Sulfuric Acid Alkylation Process
 - Feedstock and Product Properties
- 14. Heavy Oil Processes
 - Delayed Coking
 - Visbreaking
 - Solvent Deasphalting

Instructor:

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