

Process Equipment Malfunctions Techniques To Identify And Correct Plant Problems

Vacuum systems are in wide spread use in the petrochemical plants, petroleum refineries and power generation plants. The existing texts on this subject are theoretical in nature and only deal with how the equipment functions when in good mechanical conditions, from the viewpoint of the equipment vendor. In this much-anticipated volume, one of the most well-respected and prolific process engineers in the world takes on troubleshooting vacuum systems, and especially steam ejectors, an extremely complex and difficult subject that greatly effects the profitability of the majority of the world's refineries.

A complete overview and considerations in process equipment design Handling and storage of large quantities of materials is crucial to the chemical engineering of a wide variety of products. Process Equipment Design explores in great detail the design and construction of the containers – or vessels – required to perform any given task within this field. The book provides an introduction to the factors that influence the design of vessels and the various types of vessels, which are typically classified according to their geometry. The text then delves into design and other considerations for the construction of each type of vessel, providing in the process a complete overview of process equipment design.

While there is no "perfect" solution or absolute zero risk, engineering design can significantly reduce risk potential in the CPI. In Guidelines for Design Solutions to Process Equipment Failures, industry experts offer their broad experience in identifying numerous solutions to the more common process equipment failures including inherent safer/passive, active, and procedural solutions, in decreasing order of robustness and reliability. The book challenges the engineer to identify opportunities for inherent and passive safety features early, and use a risk-based approach to process safety systems specification. The book is organized into three basic sections: 1) a technique for making risk-based design decisions; 2) potential failure scenarios for 10 major processing equipment categories; and 3) two worked examples showing how the techniques can be applied. The equipment categories covered are: vessels, reactors, mass transfer equipment, fluid transfer equipment, solids-fluid separators, solids handling and processing equipment, and piping and piping components. Special Details: Hardcover book plus 3.5" diskette for use in any word processing program with design solutions for use in PHAs.

Part I: Process design -- Introduction to design -- Process flowsheet development -- Utilities and energy efficient design -- Process simulation -- Instrumentation and process control -- Materials of construction -- Capital cost estimating -- Estimating revenues and production costs -- Economic evaluation of projects -- Safety and loss prevention -- General site considerations -- Optimization in design -- Part II: Plant design -- Equipment selection, specification and design -- Design of pressure vessels -- Design of reactors and mixers -- Separation of fluids -- Separation columns (distillation, absorption and extraction) -- Specification and design of solids-handling equipment -- Heat transfer equipment -- Transport and storage of fluids.

The latest methods for troubleshooting and maintaining process equipment While directed particularly at chemical and petroleum refining process equipment, the new edition of A Working Guide to Process Equipment, revised and fully up-dated throughout, remains applicable to a broad range of technicians and industries, and explains how to diagnose, troubleshoot, and correct problems, without complex equations and computer simulations, without ever losing sight of the importance of direct field measurements and observations. Nine new chapters cover: Determining the Causes of Wet Steam, Distillation Process Engineering Design Errors Technical Adventures from the Past Setting Pressure Relief Valves Applying Process Engineering Technology to Natural Gas Production Reduction of Flare Losses Suppressing CO₂ Emissions and Energy Conservation A Final Word - The Earth's Oxygen Content Evaluating Distillation Tray Capacity Filled with examples and illustrations, the new edition of this practical resource continues to demonstrate how theory applies to solving real-world plant operation problems. Selected hand calculation methods are also provided. You'll gain insights from decades of work from the two authors solving process problems and carrying out test runs in the field, revamping equipment for better efficiency, and the questions and answers explored in the Lieberman's Process Equipment Troubleshooting Seminars conducted.

Root Cause Failure Analysis Provides the knowledge and failure analysis skills necessary for preventing and investigating process equipment failures Process equipment and piping systems are essential for plant availability and performance. Regularly exposed to hazardous service conditions and damage mechanisms, these critical plant assets can result in major failures if not effectively monitored and assessed—potentially causing serious injuries and significant business losses. When used proactively, Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA) helps reliability engineers inspect the process equipment and piping system before any abnormal conditions occur. RCFA is equally important after a failure happens: it determines the impact of a failure, helps control the resultant damage, and identifies the steps for preventing future problems. Root Cause Failure Analysis: A Guide to Improve Plant Reliability offers readers clear understanding of degradation mechanisms of process equipment and the concepts needed to perform industrial RCFA investigations. This comprehensive resource describes the methodology of RCFA and provides multiple techniques and industry practices for identifying, predicting, and evaluating equipment failures. Divided into two parts, the text first introduces Root Cause Analysis, explains the failure analysis process, and discusses the management of both human and latent error. The second part focuses on failure analysis of various components such as bolted joints, mechanical seals, steam traps, gearboxes, bearings, couplings, pumps, and compressors. This authoritative volume: Illustrates how failures are associated with part integrity, a complete system, or the execution of an engineering process Describes how proper design, operation, and maintenance of the equipment help to enhance their reliability Covers analysis techniques and industry practices including 5-Why RCFA, fault tree analysis, Pareto charts, and Ishikawa diagrams Features a detailed case study of process plant machinery and a chapter on proactive measures for avoiding failures Bridging the gap between engineering education and practical application, Root Cause Failure Analysis: A Guide to Improve Plant Reliability is an important reference and guide for industrial professionals, including process plant engineers, planning managers, operation and maintenance engineers, process designers, chemical engineers, and instrument engineers. It is also a valuable text for researchers, instructors, and students in relevant areas of engineering and science.

This book provides methods to train process operators to solve challenging problems. The book is split into two parts. The first part consists of two parts; first developing a daily monitoring system and second providing a structured 5 step problem solving approach that combines cause and effect problem solving thinking with the formulation of theoretically correct hypotheses. The 5 step approach emphasizes the classical problem solving approach (defining the sequence of events) with the addition of the steps

of formulating a theoretically correct working hypothesis, providing a means to test the hypothesis, and providing a foolproof means to eliminate the problem. The initial part of the book focuses on defining the problem that must be solved and obtaining the location, time and quantity based specifications of the problem. This part of the book also presents techniques to find and define problems at an early point before they progress to the critical level. The second part of the book deals with the utilization of fundamental chemical engineering skills to develop a technically correct working hypothesis that is the key to successful problem solving. The primary emphasis is on simple pragmatic calculation techniques that are theoretically correct. It is believed that any operator can perform these calculations if he is provided the correct prototype. Throughout the book, the theory behind each pragmatic calculation technique is explained in understandable terms prior to presenting the author's approach. These techniques have been developed by the author in 50+ years of industrial experience. The book includes many sample problems and examples of real world problem solving. Using these techniques, theoretically correct working hypotheses can be developed in an expedient fashion.

This updated edition is an invaluable source of practical cost-effective maintenance, repair, installation, and field verification procedures for machinery engineers. It is filled with step-by-step instructions and quick-reference checklists that describe preventive and predictive maintenance for major process units such as vertical, horizontal, reciprocating, and liquid ring vacuum pumps, fans and blowers, compressors, turboexpanders, turbines, and more. Also included are sections on machinery protection, storage, lubrication, and periodic monitoring. A new section examines centrifugal pumps and explains how and why they continue to fail. More new information focuses on maintenance for aircraft derivative gas turbines. This revised edition gives special attention throughout to maintenance and repair procedures needed to ensure efficiency, performance, and long life.

This volume is a valuable reference work for the student and the practising engineer in the chemical, pharmaceutical, minerals, food, plastics, paper and metallurgical industries. The second edition of this successful text has been thoroughly rewritten and updated. Based on the long running post-experience course produced by the University of Bradford, in association with the Institution of Chemical Engineers, it covers all aspects of mixing, from fundamentals through to design procedures in single and multi-phase systems. Experts from both industry and academia have contributed to this work giving both a theoretical practical approach. It covers dry and wet powders, single and two-phase liquids, solid/liquid and gas/liquid systems. The range of mixers available for such diverse duties is dealt with, including tumbler mixers for powders, mechanically agitated vessels, in-line continuous mixers and jet mixers. Coverage is given of the range of mixing objectives, varying from achieving product uniformity to obtaining optimum conditions for mass transfer and chemical reactions. This volume is a valuable reference work for the student and the practising engineer in the chemical, pharmaceutical, minerals, food, plastics, paper and metallurgical industries. The second edition of this successful text has been thoroughly rewritten and updated. Based on the long running post-experience course produced by the University of Bradford, in association with the Institution of Chemical Engineers, it covers all aspects of mixing, from fundamentals through to design procedures in single and multi-phase systems. Experts from both industry and academia have contributed to this work giving both a theoretical practical approach. It covers dry and wet powders, single and two-phase liquids, solid/liquid and gas/liquid systems. The range of mixers available for such diverse duties is dealt with, including tumbler mixers for powders, mechanically agitated vessels, in-line continuous mixers and jet mixers. Coverage is given of the range of mixing objectives, varying from achieving product uniformity to obtaining optimum conditions for mass transfer and chemical reactions.

Chemical Projects Scale Up: How to Go from Laboratory to Commercial covers the chemical engineering steps necessary for taking a laboratory development into the commercial world. The book includes the problems associated with scale up, equipment sizing considerations, thermal characteristics associated with scale up, safety areas to consider, recycling considerations, operability reviews and economic viability. In addition to the process design aspects of commercializing the laboratory development, consideration is given to the utilization of a development in an existing plant. Explains how heat removal for exothermic reactions can be scaled up Outlines how a reactor can be sized from batch kinetic data Discusses how the plant performance of a new catalyst can be evaluated Presents how the economics of a new product/process can be developed Discusses the necessary evaluation of recycling in commercial plants

This book is a reflection of the modern scientific view of current and future problems and prospects of industry development: equipment and technologies. It combines the results of advanced researches of industry development: equipment and technologies in the field of various sciences--both technical and humanitarian, the synthesis of which allowed forming a holistic meta-scientific concept of industry development: equipment and technologies. The book consists of two parts. The first part reflects technical problems and ways of industry development: equipment and technologies. It examines the promising technologies for modern industrial development, the technogenic factors of neo-industrialization in the context of digital economy, strategic guidelines for the industry development: equipment and technologies from the standpoint of sustainable development, as well as integration mechanisms for the industry development: equipment and technologies, and scientific support for their activation. In the second part, organizational and managerial problems and ways of industry development: equipment and technologies are disclosed. The industry development: equipment and technologies were studied: a view from the standpoint of economics and management, legal barriers to the industry development: equipment: and technologies and the prospects for overcoming them, the impact of globalization on the industry development: equipment: and technologies and recommendations for managing internationalization, as well as social issues of industry development: equipment and technologies in the aspect of human resource's training and management. The book combines the best works presented at the International Research and Practice Conference "Actual Problems and Ways of Industry Development: Equipment and Technologies", organized by the Komsomolsk-on-Amur State University and the Institute of Scientific Communications and held in Komsomolsk-on-Amur (Russia) September 28-October 1, 2020. The target audience of the book is academic scientists studying issues of industry development: equipment and technologies, as well as industrial enterprises and government regulators of industry development: equipment and technologies.

Diagnose and Troubleshoot Problems in Chemical Process Equipment with This Updated Classic! Chemical engineers and plant operators can rely on the Third Edition of A Working Guide to Process Equipment for the latest diagnostic tips, practical examples, and detailed illustrations for pinpointing trouble and correcting problems in chemical process equipment. This updated classic contains new chapters on Control Valves, Cooling Towers, Waste Heat Boilers, Catalytic Effects, Fundamental Concepts of Process Equipment, and Process Safety. Filled with worked-out calculations, the book examines everything from trays, reboilers, instruments, air coolers, and steam turbines...to fired heaters, refrigeration systems, centrifugal pumps, separators, and compressors. The authors simplify complex issues and explain the technical issues needed to solve all kinds of equipment problems. Comprehensive and clear, the Third Edition of A Working Guide to Process Equipment features: Guidance on diagnosing and troubleshooting process equipment problems Explanations of how theory applies to real-world equipment operations Many useful tips, examples, illustrations, and worked-out calculations New to this edition: Control Valves, Cooling Towers, Waste Heat Boilers, Catalytic Effects, and Process Safety Inside this Renowned Guide to Solving Process Equipment Problems • Trays • Tower Pressure • Distillation Towers • Reboilers • Instruments • Packed Towers • Steam and Condensate Systems • Bubble Point and Dew Point • Steam Strippers • Draw-Off Nozzle Hydraulics • Pumparounds and Tower Heat Flows • Condensers and Tower Pressure Control • Air Coolers • Deaerators and Steam Systems • Vacuum Systems • Steam Turbines • Surface Condensers • Shell-and-Tube Heat Exchangers • Fire Heaters • Refrigeration Systems • Centrifugal Pumps • Separators • Compressors • Safety • Corrosion • Fluid Flow •

Computer Modeling and Control • Field Troubleshooting Process Problems

"Process Plant Equipment Book is another great publication from Wiley as a reference book for final year students as well as those who will work or are working in chemical production plants and refinery..." -Associate Prof. Dr. Ramli Mat, Deputy Dean (Academic), Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia "...give[s] readers access to both fundamental information on process plant equipment and to practical ideas, best practices and experiences of highly successful engineers from around the world... The book is illustrated throughout with numerous black & white photos and diagrams and also contains case studies demonstrating how actual process plants have implemented the tools and techniques discussed in the book. An extensive list of references enables readers to explore each individual topic in greater depth..." -Stainless Steel World and Valve World, November 2012 Discover how to optimize process plant equipment, from selection to operation to troubleshooting From energy to pharmaceuticals to food, the world depends on processing plants to manufacture the products that enable people to survive and flourish. With this book as their guide, readers have the information and practical guidelines needed to select, operate, maintain, control, and troubleshoot process plant equipment so that it is efficient, cost-effective, and reliable throughout its lifetime. Following the authors' careful explanations and instructions, readers will find that they are better able to reduce downtime and unscheduled shutdowns, streamline operations, and maximize the service life of processing equipment. Process Plant Equipment: Operation, Control, and Reliability is divided into three sections: Section One: Process Equipment Operations covers such key equipment as valves, pumps, cooling towers, conveyors, and storage tanks Section Two: Process Plant Reliability sets forth a variety of tested and proven tools and methods to assess and ensure the reliability and mechanical integrity of process equipment, including failure analysis, Fitness-for-Service assessment, engineering economics for chemical processes, and process component function and performance criteria Section Three: Process Measurement, Control, and Modeling examines flow meters, process control, and process modeling and simulation Throughout the book, numerous photos and diagrams illustrate the operation and control of key process equipment. There are also case studies demonstrating how actual process plants have implemented the tools and techniques discussed in the book. At the end of each chapter, an extensive list of references enables readers to explore each individual topic in greater depth. In summary, this text offers students, process engineers, and plant managers the expertise and technical support needed to streamline and optimize the operation of process plant equipment, from its initial selection to operations to troubleshooting.

Drawing on his passion, training, and experience, Lieberman presents problems and troubleshooting techniques that are associated with specific processes, systems, and equipment, leading novice and practiced troubleshooters alike to the crux of malfunctions and failures. The fourth edition updates troubleshooting and design techniques, and adds seven new chapters with information on turbines, motors, heat exchangers, and environmentally friendly operations. Norm Lieberman sprinkles his troubleshooting guide with insightful and humorous anecdotes from 45 years in the petrochemical and refining industry. Features: * Nitty-gritty descriptions of common refinery and chemical plant problems and the diagnostic field observations, experiments, and calculations that reveal their origin * Troubleshooting checklists and references following each chapter * Practical advice for optimizing interactions with key plant operations personnel

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"The most complete, up-to-date, problem-solving toolkit for chemical engineers and process designers. Industrial Chemical Process Design, Second Edition provides a step-by-step methodology and 25 downloadable, customizable, needs-specific software applications that offer quick, accurate solutions to complex process design problems. These applications uniquely fill the gaps left by large, very expensive commercial process simulation software packages used to select, size, and design industrial chemical process equipment. Written by a hands-on industry consultant and featuring more than 200 illustrations, this book thoroughly details: Sizing and cost estimating of process unit operation equipment Design and rating of fractionation equipment and three-phase separation equipment Chemical optimization Commercial distillation Packaged plant cost analysis Estimating cost for modular packages Performing operations such as liquid-liquid extraction and gas liquid separation vessel sizing and rating Green engineering New to the Second Edition: Added focus on sustainability with new green engineering coverage: crude oil database; vegetable oils and plant greenhouse production for use in automobile fuels; gasoline and diesel fuel database; greenhouse fuels; water removal treatment in three-phase vessel design New focus on engineering economics Simplified shell/tube design method and improved shell/tube exchanger software improvements Fluid flow coverage includes both single- and two-phase flow and the very desirable addition of complete process engineering of NOx removal and catalytic SCR reactor processes necessary in all electric generator power plants and refinery furnace systems (per mandatory EPA regulations) Coverage of the Fischer-Tropsch process converting natural methane gas to crude oil products, liquids, gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel - all sulfur-free! Includes a plan to decrease reliance on crude oil imports Contains a packaged cost analysis natural gas-to-liquids plant turn-key software program "--

The Handbook of Air Pollution Prevention and Control provides a concise overview of the latest technologies for managing industrial air pollution in petrochemical, oil and gas, and allied industries. Detailed material on equipment selection, sizing, and troubleshooting operations is provided along with practical design methodology. Unique to this volume are discussions and information on energy-efficient technologies and approaches to implementing environmental cost accounting measures. Included in the text are sidebar discussions, questions for thinking and discussing, recommended resources for the reader (including Web sites), and a comprehensive glossary. The Handbook of Air Pollution Prevention and Control also includes free access to US EPA's air dispersion model SCREEN3. Detailed examples on the application of this important software to analyzing air dispersion from industrial processes and point sources are provided in the Handbook, along with approaches to applying this important tool in developing approaches to pollution prevention and in selecting control technologies. By applying SCREEN3, along with the examples given in the Handbook, the user can: evaluate the impact of processes and operations to air quality, and apply the model to assess emergency scenarios to help in planning, to develop environmental impact assessments, to select pollution control technologies, and to develop strategies for pollution prevention. Two companion books by Cheremisinoff are available: Handbook of Water and Wastewater Treatment Technologies, and Handbook of Solid Waste Management and Waste Minimization Technologies. Uniquely combines prevention and control concepts while covering the practices and technologies that are applied to the prevention of air pollution in the chemicals manufacturing, oil and gas, iron and steel, and pharmaceutical industries, and to the cleaning and control of industrial air emissions. Provides a bridge for today's environmental manager by focusing on an integrated approach to managing air pollution problems within industrial operations. Shows you how to calculate financial returns from pollution prevention projects.

A systematic approach to profit optimization utilizing strategic solutions and methodologies for the chemical process industry In the ongoing battle to reduce the cost of production and increase profit margin within the chemical process industry, leaders are searching for new ways to deploy profit optimization strategies. Profit Maximization Techniques For Operating Chemical Plants

defines strategic planning and implementation techniques for managers, senior executives, and technical service consultants to help increase profit margins. The book provides in-depth insight and practical tools to help readers find new and unique opportunities to implement profit optimization strategies. From identifying where the large profit improvement projects are to increasing plant capacity and pushing plant operations towards multiple constraints while maintaining continuous improvements—there is a plethora of information to help keep plant operations on budget. The book also includes information on: ? Take away methods and techniques for identifying and exploiting potential areas to improve profit within the plant ? Focus on latest Artificial Intelligence based modeling, knowledge discovery and optimization strategies to maximize profit in running plant. ? Describes procedure to develop advance process monitoring and fault diagnosis in running plant ? Thoughts on engineering design , best practices and monitoring to sustain profit improvements ? Step-by-step guides to identifying, building, and deploying improvement applications For leaders and technologists in the industry who want to maximize profit margins, this text provides basic concepts, guidelines, and step-by-step guides specifically for the chemical plant sector.

Special edition of the Federal Register, containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect ... with ancillaries.

Working Guide to Process Equipment, 2nd Ed. carefully and clearly explains all the basic technical issues that you need to know to trouble-shoot most process equipment problems. This guide contains a wealth of useful diagnostic tips, worked-out calculations, practical examples, and informative illustrations to help you quickly pinpoint trouble and repair typical malfunctions in: Trayed and packed distillation towers; Natural and forced reboilers; Partial and total condensers; Steam systems and deaerators; Vacuum systems; Fired heaters; Shell and tube heat exchangers; Centrifugal compressors; Gas turbines and reciprocating engines; Centrifugal pumps and motor drivers. In no time at all, this essential problem-solving manual will become your most trusted on-the-job tool for dealing effectively with costly equipment malfunctions.

Process Equipment Malfunctions: Techniques to Identify and Correct Plant Problems McGraw Hill Professional

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO TROUBLESHOOTING PROCESS EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONS Process Equipment Malfunctions offers proven techniques for finding and fixing process plant problems and contains details on failure identification. Diagnostic tips, examples, and illustrations help to pinpoint and correct faults in chemical process and petroleum refining equipment. Complex math has been omitted. An essential resource for plant operators and process engineers, this book is based on the author's long career in field troubleshooting process problems. **COVERAGE INCLUDES:** Distillation tray malfunctions Packed tower problems Distillation tower pressure and composition control Fractionator product stripping Pumparounds Reboiled and steam side strippers Inspecting tower internals Process reboilers--thermosyphon circulation Heat exchangers Condenser limitations Air coolers Cooling water systems Steam condensate collection systems Steam quality problems Level control problems Process plant corrosion and fouling Vapor-liquid separation vessels Hydrocarbon-water separation and desalters Fired heaters--draft and excess O₂ Disabling safety systems Vacuum systems and steam jets Vacuum surface condensers Centrifugal pump limitations Steam turbine drivers Centrifugal compressors Reciprocating compressors

Written by an internationally-recognized team of natural gas industry experts, the fourth edition of Handbook of Natural Gas Transmission and Processing is a unique, well-researched, and comprehensive work on the design and operation aspects of natural gas transmission and processing. Six new chapters have been added to include detailed discussion of the thermodynamic and energy efficiency of relevant processes, and recent developments in treating super-rich gas, high CO₂ content gas, and high nitrogen content gas with other contaminants. The new material describes technologies for processing today's unconventional gases, providing a fresh approach in solving today's gas processing challenges including greenhouse gas emissions. The updated edition is an excellent platform for gas processors and educators to understand the basic principles and innovative designs necessary to meet today's environmental and sustainability requirement while delivering acceptable project economics. Covers all technical and operational aspects of natural gas transmission and processing. Provides pivotal updates on the latest technologies, applications, and solutions. Helps to understand today's natural gas resources, and the best gas processing technologies. Offers design optimization and advice on the design and operation of gas plants.

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. The Concise, Easy-to-Use Guide to Designing Chemical Process Equipment and Evaluating Its Performance Trends such as shale-gas resource development call for a deeper understanding of chemical engineering equipment and design. Chemical Process Equipment Design complements leading texts by providing concise, focused coverage of these topics, filling a major gap in undergraduate chemical engineering education. Richard Turton and Joseph A. Shaeiwitz present relevant design equations, show how to analyze operation of existing equipment, and offer a practical methodology for designing new equipment and for solving common problems. Theoretical derivations are avoided in favor of working equations, practical computational strategies, and approximately eighty realistic worked examples. The authors identify which equation applies to each situation, and show exactly how to use it to design equipment. By the time undergraduates have worked through this material, they will be able to create preliminary designs for most process equipment found in a typical chemical plant that processes gases and/or liquids. They will also learn how to evaluate the performance of that equipment, even when operating conditions differ from the design case. Coverage includes Process fluid mechanics: designing and evaluating pumps, compressors, valves, and other piping systems Process heat transfer: designing and evaluating heat exchange equipment Separation equipment: understanding fundamental relationships underlying separation devices, designing them, and assessing their performance Reactors: basic equations and specific issues relating to chemical reactor equipment design and performance Other equipment: preliminary analysis and design for pressure vessels, simple phase-separators (knock-out drums), and steam ejectors This guide draws on fifty years of innovative chemical engineering instruction at West Virginia University and elsewhere. It complements popular undergraduate textbooks for practical courses in fluid mechanics, heat

transfer, reactors, or separations; supports senior design courses; and can serve as a core title in courses on equipment design.

The Committee on Electrometallurgical Techniques for DOE Spent Fuel Treatment was formed in September 1994 in response to a request made to the National Research Council (NRC) by the U.S. Department of Energy DOE. DOE requested an evaluation of electrometallurgical processing technology proposed by Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) for the treatment of DOE spent nuclear fuel. Electrometallurgical treatment of spent reactor fuel involves a set of operations designed to remove the remaining uranium metal and to incorporate the radioactive nuclides into well defined and reproducible waste streams. Over the course of the committee's operating life, this charge has remained constant. Within the framework of this overall charge, the scope of the committee's work--as defined by its statement of task--has evolved in response to further requests from DOE, as well as technical accomplishments and regulatory and legal considerations. As part of its task, the committee has provided periodic assessments of ANL's R&D program on the electrometallurgical technology. Electrometallurgical Techniques for DOE Spent Fuel Treatment assesses the viability of electrometallurgical technology for treating DOE spent nuclear fuel and monitors the scientific and technical progress of the ANL program on electrometallurgical technology, specifically within the context of ANL's demonstration project on electrometallurgical treatment of EBR-II SNF. This report evaluates ANL's performance relative to the success criteria for the demonstration project, which have served as the basis for judging the efficacy of using electrometallurgical technology for the treatment of EBR-II spent nuclear fuel. It also addresses post-demonstration activities related to ANL's electrometallurgical demonstration project, and makes related recommendations in this area.

Manufacturing, reduced to its simplest form, involves the sequencing of product forms through a number of different processes. Each individual step, known as an unit manufacturing process, can be viewed as the fundamental building block of a nation's manufacturing capability. A committee of the National Research Council has prepared a report to help define national priorities for research in unit processes. It contains an organizing framework for unit process families, criteria for determining the criticality of a process or manufacturing technology, examples of research opportunities, and a prioritized list of enabling technologies that can lead to the manufacture of products of superior quality at competitive costs. The study was performed under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation and the Defense Department's Manufacturing Technology Program.

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Examines real life problems and solutions for operators and engineers running process controls Expands on the first book with the addition of five new chapters as well as new troubleshooting examples Written for the working operator and engineer, with straightforward instruction not hinged on complex math Includes real-life examples of control problems that commonly arise and how to fix them Emphasizes single and well-established process engineering principles that will help working engineers and operators switch manual control loops to automatic control

The fourth edition of Ludwig's *Applied Process Design for Chemical and Petrochemical Plants, Volume Three* is a core reference for chemical, plant, and process engineers and provides an unrivalled reference on methods, process fundamentals, and supporting design data. New to this edition are expanded chapters on heat transfer plus additional chapters focused on the design of shell and tube heat exchangers, double pipe heat exchangers and air coolers. Heat tracer requirements for pipelines and heat loss from insulated pipelines are covered in this new edition, along with batch heating and cooling of process fluids, process integration, and industrial reactors. The book also looks at the troubleshooting of process equipment and corrosion and metallurgy. Assists engineers in rapidly analyzing problems and finding effective design methods and mechanical specifications Definitive guide to the selection and design of various equipment types, including heat exchanger sizing and compressor sizing, with established design codes Batch heating and cooling of process fluids supported by Excel programs

This is not your average technical book! Using a humorous and easy-to-understand approach to solving common process engineering problems, this unique volume is the go-to guide for any veteran or novice engineer in the plant, office, or classroom. Textbooks are often too theoretical to help the average process engineer solve everyday problems in the plant, and generic handbooks are often out of date and not comprehensive. This guide focuses on the most common problems that every engineer faces and how to solve them. The "characters" walk the reader through every problem and solution step-by-step, through dialogues that literally occur every day in process plants around the world. With over half a century of experience and many books, videos, and seminars to his credit, Norm Lieberman is well-known all over the world and has helped countless companies and engineers through issues with equipment, processes, and training. This is the first time that this knowledge has appeared in a

format like this, quite unlike anything ever published before in books on process engineering. This is a must-have for any engineer working in process engineering.

The book supplements Guidelines for Chemical Process Quantitative Risk Analysis by providing the failure rate data needed to perform a chemical process quantitative risk analysis.

Comprehensive and practical guide to the selection and design of a wide range of chemical process equipment. Emphasis is placed on real-world process design and performance of equipment. Provides examples of successful applications, with numerous drawings, graphs, and tables to show the functioning and performance of the equipment. Equipment rating forms and manufacturers' questionnaires are collected to illustrate the data essential to process design. Includes a chapter on equipment cost and addresses economic concerns. * Practical guide to the selection and design of a wide range of chemical process equipment. Examples of successful, real-world applications are provided. * Fully revised and updated with valuable shortcut methods, rules of thumb, and equipment rating forms and manufacturers' questionnaires have been collected to demonstrate the design process. Many line drawings, graphs, and tables illustrate performance data. * Chapter 19 has been expanded to cover new information on membrane separation. Approximately 100 worked examples are included. End of chapter references also are provided.

THE FIRST BOOK OF ITS KIND ON DISTILLATION TECHNOLOGY The last half-century of research on distillation has tremendously improved our understanding and design of industrial distillation equipment and systems. High-speed computers have taken over the design, control, and operation of towers. Invention and innovation in tower internals have greatly enhanced tower capacity and efficiency. With all these advances, one would expect the failure rate in distillation towers to be on the decline. In fact, the opposite is the case: the tower failure rate is on the rise and accelerating. Distillation Troubleshooting collects invaluable hands-on experiences acquired in dealing with distillation and absorption malfunctions, making them readily accessible for those engaged in solving today's problems and avoiding tomorrow's. The first book of its kind on the distillation industry, the practical lessons it offers are a must for those seeking the elusive path to trouble-free distillation. Distillation Troubleshooting covers over 1,200 case histories of problems, diagnoses, solutions, and key lessons. Coverage includes: * Successful and unsuccessful struggles with plugging, fouling, and coking * Histories and prevention of tray, packing, and internals damage * Lessons taught by incidents and accidents during shutdowns, commissioning, and abnormal operation * Troubleshooting distillation simulations to match the real world * Making packing liquid distributors work * Plant bottlenecks from intermediate draws, chimney trays, and feed points * Histories of and key lessons from explosions and fires in distillation towers * Prevention of flaws that impair reboiler and condenser performance * Destabilization of tower control systems and how to correct it * Discoveries from shutdown inspections * Suppression of foam and accumulation incidents A unique resource for improving the foremost industrial separation process, Distillation Troubleshooting transforms decades of hands-on experiences into a handy reference for professionals and students involved in the operation, design, study, improvement, and management of large-scale distillation. To maintain competitiveness in the emerging global economy, U.S. manufacturing must rise to new standards of product quality, responsiveness to customers, and process flexibility. This volume presents a concise and well-organized analysis of new research directions to achieve these goals. Five critical areas receive in-depth analysis of present practices, needed improvement, and research priorities: Advanced engineered materials that offer the prospect of better life-cycle performance and other gains. Equipment reliability and maintenance practices for better returns on capital investment. Rapid product realization techniques to speed delivery to the marketplace. Intelligent manufacturing control for improved reliability and greater precision. Building a workforce with the multidisciplinary skills needed for competitiveness. This sound and accessible analysis will be useful to manufacturing engineers and researchers, business executives, and economic and policy analysts.

Understanding Process Equipment for Operators and Engineers explains how process equipment functions. As problems often arise in plants that must be solved by unit engineers, this book offers successful solutions and methods for their implementation. The concepts explained are based on Norm Lieberman's personal, hands-on experience. Like you, Norm attended a university and was exposed to technical seminars which did not always provide the needed solutions. In this text, you will learn the functioning of a variety of equipment types, including Fired Heater Draft, Centrifugal Pump Head, Distillation Tray Efficiency, Vacuum Jets, Recip Compressors, Steam Turbines, Thermosyphon Circulation Reboilers and Air Cooler. Includes methods and procedures on how to make field measurements Outlines fire heater principles and operation and how they develop draft Describes distillation column operation and methods to increase their efficiency Includes computer modeling and provides use case examples

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