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AS-BUILT HAZOP

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INTRODUCTION

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- Learning from previous Ethane project
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SABIC OLEFINS6 PLANT – OVERVIEW

History

- Commissioned 1980
- Ethane feedstock commissioned 2017
- 2020TA postponed
- 2022 construction commenced on reconfiguration project



OLEFINS6 RECONFIGURATION PROJECT – SCOPE

- Multi-million pound investment
- Deep cut and carve
- 260 redundant equipment items
- 11 main equipment items modified



OLEFINS6 RECONFIGURATION PROJECT – SCOPE

Complexity / Scope of Project

- Significant impact on much of the plant
 - New equipment
 - Repurposed equipment
 - Redundant equipment – tie-outs
 - Physically unchanged but process changes
 - Impact on safety systems
 - Very broad scope – most P&IDs have changes on them
 - Adequacy checks on equipment affected by the changes
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APPENDIX DIVIDER SUBTITLE (20PT LIGHT)

PROCESS SAFETY INFORMATION

PROCESS SAFETY INFORMATION – HAZARD TABLES

SABIC UK Hazard Tables

- Developed through Process Hazard Review revalidation programme
- Similar to Hazard Identification study – HAZID
- Line-of-sight from hazardous event to safeguards
- Hazard Tables and PSM Checklists are the basis of PHR studies
- Underpin COMAH representative set (Seveso compliance)
- Key input for projects
- Assessment of risks identified through risk discovery processes
- Improvements to quality of Hazard Tables ongoing via PHR and a separate project with TUV

WHY AN AS-BUILT HAZOP?

Learning from Ethane Project

Concerns with Ethane project raised at subsequent PHR studies:

- Scenarios difficult to understand
- Scenarios removed by design
- Supporting documentation missing
- Deviations (causes) and LOPA inconsistent
- Duplication / overlap with existing hazard table scenarios

HAZOP action closure was not reflected in the Hazard Tables.

WHY AN AS-BUILT HAZOP?

Why is this Important?

- Excess flow through a heat exchanger creating high vibration during transient conditions
- Vibration leads to tube failure with low temperature embrittlement and overpressure risks
- HAZOP actions raised to address risk
- As-built HAZOP improved clarity of safeguards to ensure correct operator action

Thermowell Crack

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What Happened:

At an off-shore gas plant a leak from a high-pressure pipe occurred at the location of a thermowell, starting a fire in the insulation.

The velocity in a gas cooler heat exchanger was increased, resulting in resonant vibration of the thermowell, causing a fatigue crack.



Aspects:

- Hydrate formation in a cooler, caused a blockage and doubled the gas flow in the parallel cooler.
- High flows around a thermowell caused vibration that resulted in a fatigue failure.
- Small bore tubing (< 1 inch) is sensitive for fatigue cracks. Examples: thermowell in a high flow system, pressure sensor near a compressor, drain near a chattering PSV.
- “Resonance” or “Fatigue” can be useful guideword in a HAZOP or design review
- Fixation and Gussets can help to strengthen design



Prevent Resonant Fatigue Failures

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WHY AN AS-BUILT HAZOP?

Purpose

Prior to re-start, the project can demonstrate that the risks associated with the project are mitigated.

Enabler for subsequent update of the Hazard Tables.

- Verify closure of HAZOP actions, update HAZOP record with outcome
- Identify any 'gaps'
- Risk associated with these gaps is understood and being managed
- Quality of process safety information meets expectations

AS-BUILT HAZOP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

HAZOP	Desired Standard
Cause: Failure of level controller	Failure closed of level controller LCV2345 on Condensate Keg FA1773 (this valve is air-fail closed)
Cause: Operator error	Operator carrying out task FUR-B09-01 closes valve V-012 before opening valve V-018
Consequence: Failure of pipe due to 2-phase flow	Two-phase slug flow in E1720 overheads pipework 10”-17405-A1B. This pipe section has been assessed for 2-phase flow as per the Pipe Stress Critical Line List, and the pipework has been designed for this scenario. No Hazard. Ref: 3510-8230-26-000-0003 – Pipe Stress Critical Line List – Existing

AS-BUILT HAZOP – OVERALL PROJECT RISK

	L7	L6	L5	L4	L3	L2	L1
C1						1	
C2	36	35	55	7	7	2	
C3	1	6	37	52	7	5	
C4	2	4	12	33	22	14	4
C5			5	8	8	10	10

Project HAZOP

- 47 unacceptable risks
- HAZOP and LOPA studies raised 1115 actions
- 94 open actions

As-Built HAZOP

- Remaining unacceptable risks identified
- Ensured actions to address these

	L7	L6	L5	L4	L3	L2	L1
C1							
C2	43	40	76	1	1	2	
C3	9	5	42	58			
C4	1	5	13	30	27		
C5	1		5	18	16	30	14

AS-BUILT HAZOP - RECOMMENDATIONS

HAZOP

- Consider how to incorporate information into existing process safety information when structuring the HAZOP
- Develop TOR to define standards for documentation
- Ensure actions are clearly defined – be precise with the required outcome

'As-built' HAZOP

- Working version of the HAZOP to be updated as the project progresses and actions are closed
 - Verify that action closure has addressed the original concern and update risk ranking
 - Ensure supporting documentation clearly referenced
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AS-BUILT HAZOP - RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Planning

- Reconfiguration projects likely to be more complex
- Many plant systems may be affected by changes even if they are not physically modified
- HAZOP structure can have a significant impact on updating process safety information
- Include periodic review of 'as-built' HAZOP
- Provide resource for updating process safety information



THANK YOU

