# PRE – TA PROCESS SAFETY REFRESH TRAINING

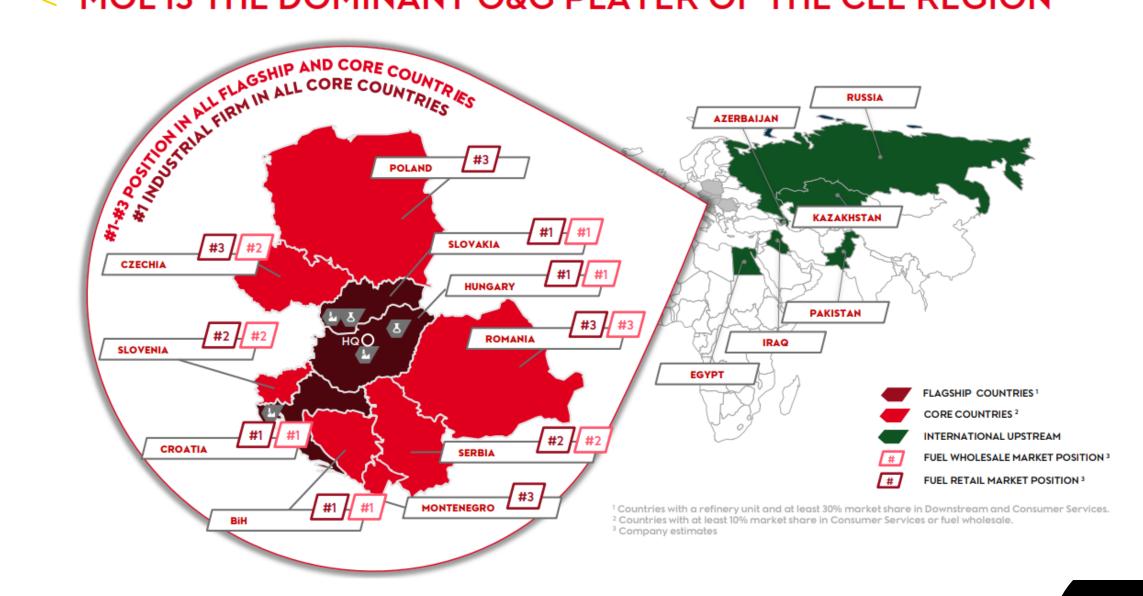
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#### MOL IS THE DOMINANT O&G PLAYER OF THE CEE REGION



#### A CALL FOR SAFETY AWARENESS IMPROVEMENT

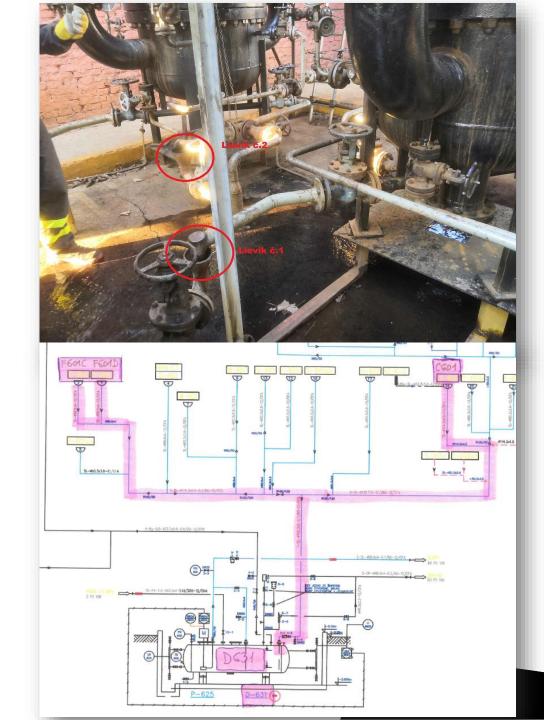
TIER 1 process event at Heavy Naphtha Hydrotreater with multiple occupational accident caused by gas and aerosol leakage

NHT was in the process of planned shutdown for scheduled turnaround. As a part of shutdown activities, operators were draining heavy naphtha to open slop system on several positions.

A gas detection system alarm was triggered in the DCS system. At the same time, it was also registered by the outside operators. The alarm was caused by a heavy naphtha release with hydrogen sulfide content from an open valve on the feed filters F601C,D. Outside operators in an attempt to stop the hydrocarbon release became unconscious. After receiving pre-medical assistance, the four employees were transported to multiple medical facilities.

- Consequence: Lost time injury, 4 employees
- Potential consequence: multiple fatalities

Incident investigation discovered **LIFE SAVING RULES** (PPE - personal gas detector, protective masks), and **PROCESS SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS** (Monitor an open drain) violations.



#### TRAINING AIM = zero LTI during TA

Before the planned TechSD/TA of production units, main attention was paid to the preparation/safety training of contractors.

Training for our own staff was not available.

# PRE-TA PROCESS SAFETY REFRESH TRAINING WAS DEVELOPED TO INCREASE THE PREPAREDNESS OF UNIT STAFF AND ENHANCE SAFETY OF T/A ACTIVITIES

Collect existing knowledge and best practices from process units where TechSD/TA was planned Prepare the training material together with unit staff. In second phase, also HSE and TA office colleagues were involved

EXECUTE TRAINING, collect feedback and improve

#### **TRAINING SCOPE**

Principles of safe operation: LSR, PSF

Lessons Learnt from incidents from previous TA

S/D, Decontamination, S/U

PtW, LOTO, Blinding

MC & PPSR

Operational discipline & Chronic Unease

#### PROCESS SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS





1. ISOLATION FOR NORMAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE WORKS



6. VERIFY THE CONDITION OF FLEXIBLE HOSES



2. DE-ENERGIZE EQUIPMENT BEFORE OPENING AND REENERGIZE IT BEFORE START-UP



7 OPERATE WITHIN SAFE LIMITS



3 MONITOR AN OPEN DRAIN



8. EQUIPMENT AND REPORT ON THEIR DEFICIENCIES



4. MANAGE OVERRIDES OF SAFETY CRITICAL SYSTEMS



ENSURE SAFE ATMOSPHERE IN FIRE BOX BEFORE IGNITING THE BURNERS



WALK THE LINE (TO ENSURE OPERATIONAL READINESS VIA PIPELINE AND VALVE LINE-UPS)



10. DO NOT MAKE A CHANGE WITHOUT A PROPER MOC PROCESS

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**USE ALL REQUIRED PPE AND EQUIPMENT FIT FOR PURPOSE** 



MONITOR THE ATMOSPHERE AND FOLLOW THE PERMIT TO WORK



APPLY HAZARD AND ENERGY ISOLATION, ENSURE SAFETY CONTROLS ARE IN PLACE



**OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION BEFORE ENTERING A CONFINED SPACE** 



**FOLLOW SAFE LIFTING RULES** 

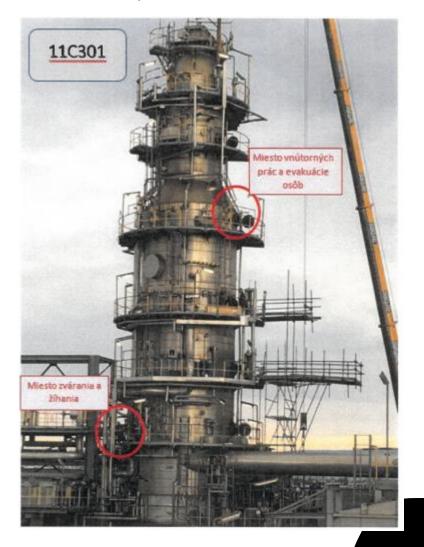


**DRIVE SAFELY** 

#### PREVIOUS INCIDENTS DURING S/D, TA and S/U after planned Maintenance

#### Fire on pipeline DN 8" to column 11C301 at Residual Hydrocracker unit, 23.9.2021:

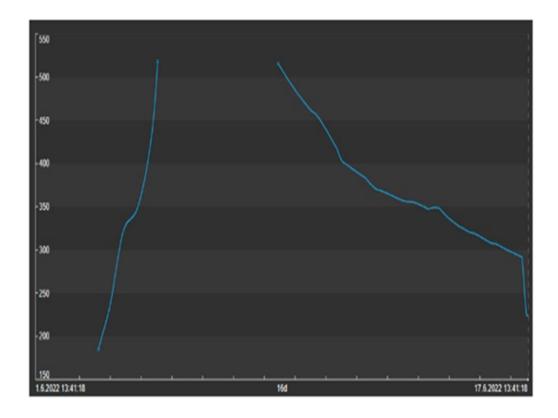
- During annealing of the welds on pipeline, smoke penetrated to column 11C301 where the second group of workers was working inside
- Cause: insufficient isolation of two workplaces pipeline/column, unrecognized risk resulting from parallel work execution, deficiencies at granting of PTW
- Consequence: endangering the health of workers performing work inside the column



#### PREVIOUS INCIDENTS DURING S/D, TA and S/U after planned Maintenance

# Oxidation reaction in reactor R102.201 at Hydrogen Production Plant, 17.6.2022

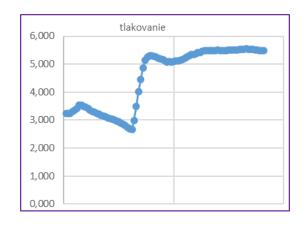
- Overheating the reactor R102.201 due to the exothermic reaction of the catalyst with air
- Cause: equipment not properly isolated, the isolation plan is missing
- Consequence: destroyed part of catalyst
- Potential consequence: reactor damage



#### PREVIOUS INCIDENTS DURING S/D, TA and S/U after planned Maintenance

#### Leakage on flange of the hot separator 65H702 at Gasoil Hydrotreater unit, 24.3.2022:

- During the start-up of BGHT7 unit, a circulating gas leak occurred on the flange of the hot separator
   H702
- Cause: violation of start-up procedure rate of pressure increase in high pressure loop
- Consequence: no higher loses due to planned lower production in Refinery in the given period







USE ALL REQUIRED
PPE AND
EQUIPMENT FIT
FOR PURPOSE

Always use all prescribed PPE and check their functionality before usage



















### FOLLOW SAFE LIFTING RULES

Never work under a suspended load. Avoid touching lifted load with hands. Only qualified personnel can operate lifting appliances.





























(VIDEO) - Hydrogen Production Plant, two days before end of TA 2024

• contractor employee was performing work OUSTIDE OF the PROTECTIVE

#### FENCE,

- risk from FALLING FROM HEIGHT, on or next to staircase
- worker didn't us personal protective equipment for working on heights, FALL ARREST SYSTEM nor any other method of belaying at height
- during his unsafe walk, he was STANDING ON FINGERTIPS, at any time there was a risk of slipping and falling

#### Note:

From the interview with the said worker, it emerged that today is his last day of work, and he will be retiring next month.



#### **CHRONIC UNEASE**









BEING **ALERTNESS TO WEAK SIGNALS** AND TO MIND TRAPS

RESETTING OUR TOLERANCE TO RISK AND UNDERSTANDING THAT SMALL FAILURES ARE SIGNS THAT SOMETHING NEEDS FIXING ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS
AND PICKING UP ON SIGNALS OF
POTENTIAL FAILURE WHEN ON
SITE





#### TRAINING PILOTING AND ROLLOUT

- Developed and piloted in Production Slovnaft in March and April 2023 before the Spring T/A 2023 event
- Trainings focused on shift leaders and daily staff of process units which were in Spring T/A 2023 scope.
- In 2024 extended to Plant managers, TA and Investment Project managers, Process technologists and Inspection, Reliability and Field Maintenance engineers – 20% of site personnel was trained
- Training material is continuously developed
- Training was rolled out to all MOL Group DS Production sites and is now considered as a standard pre-TA practice

DURING TA AND TECH. S/D IN Y2023 AND Y2024 NO LTI WAS RECORDED









## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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