

TITLE: INTEGRATION OF BOW TIE ANALYSIS AND ALOHA SOFTWARE FOR RISK AND CONSEQUENCES EVALUATION FOR PHASE SEPARATOR IN PRODUCTION OF METHANOL ROUTE 1 DURING CHEMICAL PROCESS DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN

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ABSTRACT

Accidents in the chemical process industries are always dramatic and fatal. Equipment failure is frequently identified as the fundamental cause of many chemical mishaps, resulting in toxicity, fire, and explosions in the sector. The aim of this study is to conduct a hazard and safety evaluation of the chemical process industry, which can be discovered by employing a suitable risk mitigation plan for avoiding and minimizing the detected hazard and assessed risk through Bow Tie analysis and ALOHA modelling software. The Bow Tie analysis method and ALOHA modelling are employed as existing safety analysis procedures in this study, and they will be combined to improve the current safety assessments and their application. This combination is utilized because existing methodologies have difficulties in predicting the threat zone and inability to foresee the clear effects of the threat zone and is unable to predict visually. However, the ALOHA modelling software may determine the distance between the threat zone and the damage range of the hazard effects. ALOHA is required to assess the possibility of an accident occurring in that place. As a result, this study was conducted in order to improve and combine ALOHA software and BOWTIE analysis in order to generate more precise hazard and risk consequences. Both strategies can conceal their weaknesses, making the mitigation plan much easier to apply. A risk and consequences assessment should then be performed to clarify any potential disasters in the future. Mitigation plan is a succinct list of options for making the sector safer.

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CHAPTER ONE BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

The chemical process industry is one that processes raw (bulk) materials into completed goods or those that are useful to other industries through chemical transformation and plays a significant role in socio-economic development. Manufacturing facilities that produce goods from organic or inorganic materials, or from chemical reactions between the two, are included in the chemical processing sector. extraction with or without the use of chemical reactions, the separation or purification of natural products, and the preparation of mixes of components for a specific formulation, whether natural or synthetic. Chemical processing can also be used to create additional goods, such as rubber, ceramics, explosives, and spices, in addition to the ones already mentioned. Bear in mind that both employees and equipment must meet the high demands of the chemical processing sector. Most chemical processing plants manufacture their products using specialised machinery. This equipment can resist tough operational circumstances. However, the facility is subject to harsh conditions because of the nature of chemical processing. Workers are required to operate in these conditions; thus, they must be outfitted appropriately and possess the necessary skills and knowledge to carry out duties related to chemical processing without incident. What's more, all of the facility's equipment needs to be capable of withstanding high levels of pressure, heat, corrosion, and stress. From what has been stated above, it has been explain that the chemical process plant industry will always have the potential to face threats or face dangers whether caused by equipment or human error that can lead to a chemical accident. A chemical accident is defined as an incident that raises questions about the environment or public health as a result of the release of one or more harmful or potentially dangerous substances. The stages of emergency personnel's preparation for emergencies and chemical events are described by the chemical incident life cycle. It provides an overview of the techniques used to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from such catastrophes. These give those working in medicine, emergency services, environmental containment, and other areas of chemical incident management a framework to lessen the risk of negative consequences