





Cost Effective Solutions For The Efficient Decontamination Of a Coker Unit

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Today's Agenda

1. Coker Decontamination Project Overview

- ULI Product Applications
- Coker Vessel Decontamination
- Preventing Pyrophorics

2. Other Applications

- Visbreaker Decontamination
- Packing Bed Treatment
- 3. Advantages Over Conventional Decontamination Methods
- 4. Conclusions and Recommendations







WHAT IS DECONTAMINATION?

Process of making equipment ready for personnel entry.



Removal of all hydrocarbons, gases and pyrophoric compounds that can cause danger to personnel and the unit itself



Zyme-Flow[®] UN657

United Laboratories International, LLC #1 product for decontamination of all types of equipment.

- No hazardous materials & no VOC's
- HMIS rating 0-0-0
- Wastewater friendly with inherent separation
- Apply in water or steam (Vapour-Phase[®])
- Mild oxidizer of H₂S and FeS
- Excellent penetrant of sludge, scale, and surfaces to free hydrocarbon and benzene from vessels
- Measurable throughout the process





Zyme-Ox® Z-20

Less surfactant then Zyme-Flow[®] but more oxidation strength:

- Concentrated Oxidizer
- Demisters and Packed Bed Pre-Flushes
- Sulfides/Pyrophoric Iron Sulfide Oxidation
- Aqueous/Water Only Applications
- Effective on Mercaptans



Rezyd-X® Z-67 Organic Solvent

- Can be used in oil to improve effectiveness during cutter wash
- Can be used in water flushes or circulations with Zyme-Flow[®] to break down and mobilize heavy hydrocarbon, solids and polymers
- Can be used in steam to break down heavy hydrocarbon and polymers





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- Heavy Asphaltenes
- Pyrophoric Iron Sulfide
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Benzene & Hydrocarbon
- Towers and Drums
- Heat Exchangers and Lines





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2.

PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Reduction Of Heavy Asphaltenes From Feed and Heavy Ends Equipment



Coker Decontamination





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PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Includes Injection Of Rezyd-X®







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PROCEDURE

• Coker Unit Viscosity Flush



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H₂0 FLUSH

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PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Fractionation Unit Pre-Treatment
 - Decontamination Of Pyrophoric
 Iron Sulfide In Packing Beds







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PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Fractionation Unit Pre-Treatment
- Coker Unit Decontamination





Treatment

PROCEDURE



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BEGAN BOIL-OUT / INJECTION & VAPOUR CIRCULATION FOR 8-10 PHASE® PROCESS FOR HOURS **10 HOURS** STEAM • Coker Unit Viscosity Flush LOP OIL PUMPS Zyme/ EZYD-X Z-67 • Fractionation Unit Pre-820" F 25-30 PSIG OVERHEAD N COKE Coker Unit Decontamination TY X *8× Zyme/

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PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Fractionation Unit Pre-Treatment
- Coker Unit Decontamination

Readings of H₂S = 0 ppm Benzene = 0 ppm, LEL = 0% Zyme-Flow[®] = 300-800 ppm





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PROCEDURE

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Fractionation Unit Pre-Treatment
- Coker Unit Decontamination
- Fractionation Tower Post-Rinse
 - Targeting any Remaining Pyrophoric Iron Sulfide Scale and Solids







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PROCEDURE REVIEW

READY FOR ENTRY

- Coker Unit Viscosity Flush
- Fractionation Unit Pre-Treatment
- Coker Unit Decontamination
- Fractionation Tower Post-Rinse
 - Customer very satisfied with the results and with the time frame in which the decontamination was completed



Coker Decontamination





Fin Fan Heat Exchanger Efficiency Recovery



Difficult problems can mean simple applications





Visbreaker Unit Decontamination

Circulate 4-6 Hours

Rezyd-X[®] LIGHT OIL VISCOSITY WASH



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3.

Visbreaker decontamination





Visbreaker Unit Decontamination

Vapour-Phase® 7-10 Hours



Visbreaker decontamination





Additional Coker Unit Vessels Decontaminated

- Blowdown Tower
- Settling Drum
- Flare Drum



Combination of Vapour-Phase® and Circulation

- 7-10 hours to decontaminate for entry
- Hydrocarbon free
- H₂S, LEL free
- No issues with pyrophoric iron sulfide
- Equipment entered safely for final clean-out
- Remaining decontaminated scale/ debris quickly and safely removed





Feed Pre-Heat Exchangers

- Treat heavy asphaltenes
- LCO wash with Rezyd-X[®]
- Softens and breaks up hydrocarbon deposits
- Makes it easier to pull and clean exchangers





Coker Pre-Heat Train Exchangers

"The exchanger bundles were much easier to pull out of the shells than they have ever been before using this cleaning technique. The carbon buildup that was left in the bundles was also easier to clean with water blasting than it had ever been before."



Prevent Pyrophoric Iron Sulfide Fires

- Tight packing traps small particles of FeS, polymer, and heavy oil
- Oil & Polymer protects FeS from common oxidizer solutions
- When dry and in contact with air—a fire!



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Safety from Pyrophoric Iron Sulfide

- Pre-Flush over Packing Beds using Rezyd-X[®] and Zyme-Flow[®]
- Zyme-Flow[®] + Steam to finish the oxidation during normal decontamination (Vapour-Phase[®])
- Post-rinse with Zyme-Ox[®] and water as final step of pyrophoric oxidation







Coker Fractionator- Bed 3



Results





Coker Fractionator – Bed 4



Results





Coker Fractionator- Bed 4 Distributor







This could be you ...

Customer Comments:

From Nova:

"All areas did an outstanding job bringing the plant down. There were no significant loss of process containment issues and no significant personnel exposures to chemicals. Upon opening all units are reporting that the equipment is the cleanest we have ever seen. The effort spent to improve our de-inventory systems, develop shutdown procedures and the execution by the operations people and those supporting them really set the stage for a successful turnaround."

From Conoco Operations:

"Paul, United's Tech support once again did a wonderful job and were very professional. I appreciate their attention to detail and working safely. The wet Gas Compressor had no issues with LEL or H₂s. Typically in the past they would dismantle the system in breathing air but not this time. Tower and C5's believed to have turned out very well also. Du-2 is being blinded off today. I will let you know how the systems turned out first chance I have to drop a note. Have a good day."



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