# Important References -

#### 2001 CSB



#### MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE



No. 2001-04-SB | August 2001

#### 2003 OSHA & CEPPO

| Superior States                                      | Chemical Emergency Preparedness<br>and Prevention Office<br>(5104A) | Occupational Safety and Health Administration<br>Directorate of Science, Technology and Medicine<br>Office of Science and Technology Assessment |                                      |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Jnited States<br>Environmental Protection<br>Agency  | CEPPO   | OSHA  | United States<br>Department of Labor |
| EPA 550-F-03-001<br>August 2003<br>www.epa.gov/ceppo | Hazards of Delayed Coker Unit (DCU)<br>Operations                   |   | SHIB 03-08-29(C)<br>www.osha.gov     |

#### **Seattle Times**

SEATTLE - Houston-based Equilon has agreed to pay \$45 million to settle a lawsuit filed over the deaths of six workers in a 1998 Anacortes refinery explosion.

### Thomas Meek & Brent Sattler Improvements since the 1998 Equilon Puget Sound Refinery Coke Drum Incident DCU Safety & Reliability



# Komo News 4 Reporting



Ongoing Video by local media during the event.

# 1998 Equilon DCU Fire Fight....

### • Figure 2. Fire control efforts at Equilon refinery.



Matt Wallis, Skagit Valley Herald



### **Shell Delayed Coking in the US**



#### **Shell Puget Sound Refinery - DCU**

26.9 MBPD Heater Feed, 2 Drums - 26', 15 Hr. Cycles Typical Gas Plant and Blowdown vapor recovery

# **Equilon Puget Sound Refinery Incident**

- Incident Description
- Contributing Factors
- Investigation: Summary of what happened
- Findings
- Recommendations
- Learning's

# **Coking – Process Overview**

Simplified Process Flow Diagram of a Delayed Coker



# Description of Equilon Incident Unit Overview

- This Two Drum DCU is situated along the shores of Puget Sound in Anacortes, Washington.
- In 1998 this refinery was owned & Operated by Equilon and was a legacy Texaco Refinery. Presently it is owned and Operated by Shell Oil Products.
- Unit Safe Guarded Capacity is 26,880 BPD DCU Heater Feed
- Unit was Operating on 15 Hour Cycles on 11-25-1998
- Normal DCU configuration.
- Crude Processing Department staffing for the DCU
- Operators rotate between two units Crude and Coker
- Contractor WPSI did Coke Drum Un-heading, Cutting, Coke
   Handling, Drum Re-heading, Maint. all done by the CHD Dept

# **15 Hour Drum Cycle - November1998**

| Time & Date       | Cycle Step                               | Drum    |
|-------------------|--|---------|
| 11/24/98 8:00 PM  | Steam Test - earlier if drum is ready    |         |
| 11/24/98 8:30 PM  | Warm Up - earlier if drum is ready       |         |
| 11/24/98 10:00 PM | Warm Up Transfer Line                    |         |
| 11/24/98 11:00 PM | Switch Drums                             | B to A  |
| 11/24/98 11:01 PM | Steam to C1 @3.5 Lines                   |         |
| 11/24/98 11:30 PM | Steam to C-104 @9.5 Lines                |         |
| 11/25/98 12:30 AM | Start Cooling Water                      |         |
| 11/25/98 5:00 AM  | Shutoff Blowdown Blocking and PRV Steams |         |
| 11/25/98 6:00 AM  | Unhead                                   |         |
| 11/25/98 8:00 AM  | Steam E106's and G-16 Strainers          |         |
|                   |  |         |
| 11/25/98 11:00 AM | Steam Test - earlier if drum is ready    |         |
| 11/25/98 11:30 AM | Warm Up - earlier if drum is ready       |         |
| 11/25/98 1:00 PM  | Warm Up Transfer Line                    |         |
|                   |  | • • • • |

Cycle Interrupted by Major Utility Failure ~1 Hr after Switch

# **Description of Equilon DCU Incident**

# Tuesday, November 24th 1998

- Drum A- Approx. 1100 Bbls of Charge in 1 Hour
- Power Outage 12:01am
- Loss of steam following power outage
- Power Restored 2:00am
- Unit on Circulation 4:00am, Drum A Isolated
- Steam Restored 12:30pm
- Attempted to Steam Into Transfer Line to Drum A

   16 hours after loss of flow –
- No Work Overnight Drum allowed to cool on its own

# **Description of Equilon DCU Incident**

### Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 1998

- Drum Temperature Data Reviewed in Morning
- Discussions Held approx 10:30am
- Two Additional Steaming Attempts are Made
- Permit is Issued to Unhead with Fresh Air !!!
- Top Head Removed 12:50pm
- Deheading Cart Positioned
- Bolts Removed and Head Lowered 1:23pm
- Fire with Six Worker Fatalities

# **Summary of Equilon DCU Incident**

# **Contributing Factors – Process Only**

Total Loss of Power Steam with Transfer Line Plugging. 

CoGen down due to loss of main power line to west side of refinery,

- Bottom Flange, Cone, Feed Piping Cool To Touch
- Insulating Crust "R" factor same as mineral wool & TI's do not measure bulk thermal mass
- **1996 Water Incident on a Partial Drum**
- Drum would not Drain & Difficulty in Removing Head
- **Cooled "Gooey Tar Balls" Removed in the Past** Much less Feed and Drums Steamed & Cooled

#### TEMPERATURE MODEL OF MATERIAL IN DRUM AT TIME OF 11/25/98 INCIDENT

60' OF BARE PIPE EXPOSED TO RAIN Morning of Incident – WHILE COOLING ANTI-FOAM NOZZLE All temperatures appeared TO PRV'S to be decreasing, indicating" TOP HEAD that the drum was cooling. OVERHEAD TEMPERATURE INDICATOR (THERMOWELL) 220 F < 1 psig CONDENSING LIQUIDS 270 F, 245 F @ Dehead NOT TO SCALE EXTERNAL MINERAL WOOL INSULATION COLD SKIN - LIQUID LEVEL SKIN OF COOLED, SOLID RESID BUILDS UP & INSULATES THE ID OF THE DRUM. ASSUME MATERIAL NEAR WALL IS VAC RESID FEED. EXTERNAL CERAMIC FIBER INSULATION COKE, HOT RESID -& GAS OIL BARE FLANGE & FLANGE COVER INSULATION - TEMPERATURE INDICATOR (THERMOWELL) CHARGE, STEAM & WATER BOTTOM HEAD 90 F, 245 F @ Dehead due to steaming attempt **Cooling from the** GOOSENECK **Outside - Inwards** SK 11-29-1998-1

#### Investigation: Summary – What Happened?



### Investigation: Summary - What happened - What went wrong -

- ~4" thick Crust
- 1,100 BBLS Center of Mass at ~650 F
- Viscosity = similar to Water, since Mass was at 650 F
- $\blacktriangleright$  Head = 20 Ft or 8.5 psig = 6 Sec Gravity Flow of Total Amount.
- Min ~300 gals of H2O + Liquid HC was pooled on top of Crust
- Lowered Head– Tar, then Hot Oils begin Flowing out Drum and auto-ignited.
- Crust on top of mass fails & liquid on crust falls to hot center.
- Rapid Expansion of Liquid occurs with ensuing fire ball and very forceful expulsion of partially formed coke, residuum, & gas oils out 75 to 100' in ~2 Seconds, in all directions.

### **Investigation Findings**

- There were no pressure vessel or piping integrity failures found.
- Procedures were in place for normal, routine operations of Coke Drums.
- There was a loss of steam and subsequent plugging of the coke drum charge line. No ability to steam strip and cool the drum normally.
- The effective insulating layer of cooled residuum and coke on the wall and bottom head did not provide operators with indications of the hot liquid center

The temperature indicators on the coke drums would not indicate temperature in the central mass of the drum. They do not measure bulk temperature

In cases where a partially charged drum has occurred, along with the loss of steam, care must be taken relative to water addition to the coke drum. <u>Rapid flashing of steam can be extremely hazardous</u>

The fire resulted from auto-ignition of the hot drum contents emptying from the bottom head during Deheading.

The team's opinion was that egress was probably not an issue in this particular incident because of the rapid nature of the release.

# Investigation Findings (cont)

In the case of significant DCU events, review by <u>both Operations</u> and <u>Technical Personnel is necessary</u>. If normal procedures do not apply, specific written plans and procedures are required. <u>Call for help! Involve Everyone.</u>

Conduct a study of options such as alternate steam sources, other purge media, to keep the transfer lines clear in the event of power or steam outages!

 We reviewed and selected the most reliable utility in the Plant – Natural Gas. Works great and has been used many times at our locations since 1999.

Revise drum Deheading and cart Tugger controls to a more remote location.

Develop tools such as a predictive model for coke drum internal temperature that operators can use in the case of changes from normal drum cycles.

Continue to involve WPSI (Coke Contractor) personnel in significant events involving drum Deheading. Communications: MOC's

Review all DCU Operating procedures and compete a pre-start up safety review prior to re-starting the unit. Review the existing Hazop study and address any open items.

# **Summary of Equilon Incident** - Learning and Training -



- Fundamental Force, F = psig X Area (Sq In)
- Fundamental "Roll Over" Phenomena rapid vaporization 1,020 Gal = 75 PSIG; Drum damage
- Coking Fundamental Review Coke Formation



Procedure Development – Technical Reviews proper Tech Expertise, Warnings/Cautions



- Changing Existing Procedures
- **Incident Database to Support the above**

# Learnings

### Fundamentals:

Heat Transfer: Steaming and cooling the drum is the practice and teaching in the Industry, however, the fundamental knowledge of the heat transfer during Drum cooling may not be well understood by all operators

O Heat loss from a hot Coke Drum allowed to just sit and cool by thermal and surface conductivity would take months due to the insulating properties of residuum and coke. (Per WA State L&I – 236 Days)

**O** If it is a short drum with a concern about draining, then it can be pumped out the top. Drums must be cooled!

O Past Unit Examples: Normal Coke Drum hot spots; Heater Tube Coking; Residuum Shell & Tube Coolers and Cooling Box buttering.

O Past Plant Examples: FCCU Spent Cat Hopper, SRU Sulfur Beds, HTU & CRU Rx's – all very hot, take long to cool - same heat transfer principles

Coker Fundamental Review of Coke Bed formation and Quench Water flow in to the Drum – review "channeling"

"Roll-Over" Phenomenon During Tar Drum Cooling is a big concern review mitigations when quenching from the Top.

# Heat Transfer Problem

#### 55 Gallon Drum Temperatures After 24 Hours



#### **Insulated 55 Gallon Drum**



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#### **Bare 55 Gallon Drum**



# Next Step: Coker Safety Technology Equilon 1999 DCU Safety & Reliability Study

Study included 8 units - PSR, MR, LAR, BKR, EDR, DPR, PAR, NR. BAR in 2006 The Study Team = 3 Technologists/Managers from Shell WTC, 4 Ops from Operating Units including Brent & Tom!

-Typical Study Recommendations for implementation

- Facilities (23)
- Base Level Practices (50)
- Written Procedures for Normal Operation (20)
- Written Procedures for Emergency Situations (20)
- Successful Practices (40)
- Site Specific Recommendations (50-100)

\* Note- numbers are average recommendations made for each plant.

# **Coker DCU Safety Study Methodology**

LOPA (Layers of Protection Analysis)



Developed by Shell's Arthur Woltman in 1993 with the AIChE Center for Chemical Process Safety

# **Coker DCU Safety Study Methodology**

Model Bowtie done for units Pre-implementation after 2006





# **PSR DCU 2011 Safety Project Training**

### **Delayed Coking Model Bowtie**

- □ Original Model Bowtie was developed in 2009 at WTC
- □ Several Reviews done in US and AMS.
- □ Used for several large projects BAR, PSR
- Did a verification at each DCU Location
  - Martinez review was done May 2011
  - Norco review was done in August 2011
  - Deer Park started needs to be completed as of 2012
  - Puget review of Project MBT completed in 2012
  - Buenos Aries MBT review to be completed in 2013
  - Port Arthur DCU-1 completed in 2012

### **Delayed Coking TDN Safety Score**



#### **Refinery Locations**



- Vision – No Person on the Structure!

#### **Delayed Coking TDN Safety Score Card**

23 Layers of

**Protection** 

# DCU Incidents –

- 1.) Site and company Incidents Analyze, RCA, 5-Why, etc. Document and Train.
- 2.) Keeping Up with the Industry Incidents Sharing as allowable. Coking.com, CSB, OSHA, CCCP

**Documenting and Benchmarking is Essential –** 



# Coker Incidents (Worldwide)



# Roughly 2 significant Coker incidents reported per year

- List of incidents - Next

# **Delayed Coking Incidents**



### **Incident Photos**



**HCGO Draw** 

Manway

### **Fundamental Process Challenges for Delayed Coking**

- Coker Heater Outlet Lines
- Coke Drum Vapor Lines

Foamovers – Major Plugging 24" Coke Drum Vapor Line Wash Oil Spray Header

Coker Fractionator Coking

#### Cokina.com

2007 Safety Study Revisit at PSR – Post 2005 Upgrade Project Head lowered remotely - Since 2011 there are Slide Valves



# 2012 Delayed Coking Meeting at Motiva Port Arthur

#### Known Major DCU Incidents in past 19 Years (as of 2012)

- Exxon Baton Rouge 1993 <u>Three Fatalities</u> Six inch Heater Inlet elbow, Carbon Steel in 5 Chrome line. Loss of life and unit destroyed > \$150 MM. PMI failure
- Citgo Corpus Cristi 1994 <u>One Fatality</u> when In-Service Coke Drum was accidentally Deheaded. Loss of life and major unit damage.
- Chicago Area Refinery 1995 <u>One Fatality</u> from resulting fire when contractor pulled out thermowell on heater outlet. Loss of life destroyed Heater.
- US Refinery 1997 <u>One Fatality</u> when In-Service Coke Drum was accidentally deheaded. Loss of life and major equipment damage.
- Equilon Puget Sound 1998 <u>Six Fatalities</u> Opened Bottom Head on Uncoked Hot Tarry drum. Loss of life with Major Fire >\$100 MM Training, Procedures, Tech Support.
  - Conoco Lake Charles 1999 <u>One Fatality</u> resulted from welding on top of Coke Drum when vapor released caused flash fire. Improper Drum Isolation,valve leakage. Loss of life and equipment damage.
  - Amoco Whiting 2000 <u>One Fatality</u> caused by Drill stem retraction from the Coke Drum during cutting- interlocks bypassed. Loss of Life and Major damage to unit.

Known Major DCU Incidents in past 19 Years (as of 2012) (cont.)

- VEBA (BP) Gelsenkirchen, Germany 2001 <u>One Fatality</u> when Operator was fatally scalded following the removal of the Top Head. Coke Drum eruption of scalding Hot Water and Coke. Close proximity of employees to Coke Drum. Loss of Life.
- Chevron Pascougoula 2002 <u>One Fatality</u> resulted from a Contractor being severely scalded with hot water and coke while working near the coke pit during the Coke Drum Cut. Loss of Life.
- Coffeyville Resources 2004 <u>One Fatality</u> when Operator was fatally scalded at the Top Cutting Deck during the drum cut. Coke Drum eruption of scalding Hot Water and Coke. Close proximity of employees to Coke Drum. Loss of Life.

**Turnaround Incidents** 

- Motiva Port Arthur 1998 <u>One Fatality</u> resulted from a contractor fall during Turnaround in the DCU Cooling Tower. Loss of Life.
- Chevron Pascougoula 2003 <u>Two Fatalities</u> during DCU Turnaround Construction, Coke Drum change out, from a Contractor fall from extreme height and a dropped Crane load. Loss of Life, equipment damage.

**Continued Running Incidents** 

- Repsol Argentina 2007 <u>Two Fatalities</u> during Bottom Deheading.
- Mexico City Pemex 2008 <u>One Fatality</u> during Deheading.
- ExxonMobil Torrance 2009 One Fatality during Bottom Deheading. Operator Supervisor hit with Hot water when Bottom Head was dropped. 80% burns.
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Known Major DCU Incidents in past 19 Years (as of 2012) (cont.)

- Resol La Coruna Spain 2010 <u>One Fatality</u> Flash Fire, two seriously burned with one fatality – Drill Stem welding above Open Coke Drum which still had partial Coke Bed. Gas evolved from Coke Bed - investigation revealed all valves were holding.
- Holly Tulsa 2010 <u>One Very Serious Injury</u> Hot water out of bottom head hit Coke crew with one sustaining burns over 70%.

**25 Total Lives Lost** 

Keeping up with Technology Changes -Training Personnel at Sites – Staff, Engineering, Process and Operations.

### Impacts of the Incident and Safety Study

Huge impact on the Industry - led to the development of the Slide Valve Deheading system

Slide Valve Deheading Systems

Chevron and Delta Valve installed first one on the bottom of a coke drum in 2001 at Chevron Salt Lake

1<sup>st</sup> Installation of Delta Valves at Shell Los Angeles in 2004 – 4 drums - Bottom
2<sup>nd</sup> at Motiva Norco – 2006 – 2 Drums, Bottom installed in 2006
3<sup>rd</sup> at Shell Deer Park – 2007 all 6 Drums – Bottom; Top installed in 2014
4<sup>th</sup> at Shell Martinez – 2009 – 2 Drums – Bottom, then Top in 2014
5<sup>th</sup> at Buenos Aries – 2010 – 2 Drums – Top and Bottom
6<sup>th</sup> at Shell Puget Sound – 2011 – 2 Drums – Top and Bottom
7<sup>th</sup> at Motiva Port Arthur – 2012 – 6 Drums – Top and Bottom – Zimmerman & Jansen

Remote Coke Cutting -1<sup>st</sup> Shell Buenos Aries 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Shell Puget Sound 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Motiva Port Arthur 2012

### What about Process/Ops Changes to mitigate?

Procedures have been Developed in the Industry and within Shell to help mitigate Tarry Drums -

 Water Quench using BTU Balance method – Issues can be Rollover from Water Flashing. Tar in the Chute and Pit and even Crusher – one location asphalted their Pit losing ½ the volume! Also – results in high VCM

Coke so must be sold as Fuel or if very high must be disposed of.

• Superheated Baking or "Cooking" of the Bed - requires the use of the Heater so unit is taken out of Circulation – 900 F steam injected into the Coke Drum until top temp lines out. PAR did this in late 2012 and has done so since – produces on-test coke. Also used procedure for Whole Heater Spalling. Possible Option - run DCU Superheated steam to Steam/Water manifold if available.

• Cutter Dilution Method - Put LCGO in the Top, antifoam carrier, and then mix with

Steam. Drain to Coke Drum Warm Up Drum pump to Blowdown and recycle or to slop

- Decision Trees decision what to do with a Tarry Drum and if you should Switch Back in
- or Proceed to Baking or other methods.

• Communications – Technical Operations Network with routine Telecoms and Annual Meetings.

• Training – Have routine DCU Training for all operators an Process

### **PSR DCU 2011 Safety Project Training**



### **PSR DCU 2011 Safety Project Training**



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### Installed Safety Facilities – Coke Drum Auto Deheading

"What we are doing to make it safe!"



Hahn & Clay with Grayloc



**Delta Valves** 

### Installed Safety Facilities – Coke Drum Remote Deheading

"What we are doing to make it safe!"



Remote Deheading at Grade







- Future -Top Deheading & Cutting from Remote Shelters

### **Installed Safety Facilities – Coke Drum** "What we are doing to make it **Figress**



**Chute Entrance** 

Stairway Fire Shields





### **Implementation - Auto Bottom Deheading**



#### Locations with the Hahn & Clay Swing Away System

### Coking.com Implementation - Auto Bottom Deheading

cont.



Two Locations had Hahn & Clay-Foster Wheeler Systems These have been replaced with Delta Valves Bottom and Top

### **Implementation - Auto Bottom Deheading**

cont.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> Location to install Bottom Slide Valves in 2004

**Others Followed** 

## **Implementation** – Remote Feed Line









# Implementation - Remote Coking.com Deheading





**Remote Off-Structure Locations** 



Structure Cameras – 2 Per Drum



## **Implementation** - Remote Deheading

cont.

**Remote Deheading Controls** 



### **Every Location has Remote Bottom Deheading**

The Overall Structure must be Visible from Remote Shelter

## **Implementation** - Emergency Egress



**Fire Walls** 

### Implementation - Fire Protection & Deluge



Shelter must have Safety Equipment including Several SCBA's or 5 min Escape Packs



Camera Monitoring Pit



Moving Away from This – No Shelter!

Looking at Fresh Air Supply to Shelter & Remote Top Deheading and Cutting

## Implementation – Coke Drilling Safety – Coking.com Drill Stem Interlocks & Free Fall Arrestors

Moving Away from Structure Incidents!

1 Sec.

Free Fall Arrestors and Proper Inspection & Maintenance

### Shell DCU 2011 Safety Project Training



### **Shell DCU Safety Project Training**



### Shell DCU 2011 Safety Project Training



### Shell DCU 2011 Safety Project Training



### **Shell DCU Safety Project Training**



**Shell Martinez – Martinez Dual Feed** 

## Implementation - Remote Top Deheading & Cutting



## - The Vision -

- Out of Harms way during Dehead
- Out of Harms way during Cutting



No Blowout & Boil Over Injuries - No Exposure

### **Project: Complete Remote Top Deheading & Cutting**

- Camera's on Top Deck
  - Run Controls to Grade to Remote Bottom Deheading Shelter - BRM
    - Completed in 2011

## Coker Safety Conclusions

- Coker Safety First!
- Safety is a continuous process 'Stay Up with the Evolving Technology!'
- Keep Pushing and Following Up

## **Coker Safety Technology**

- 1. Data Collection and Benchmarking
- 2. On Site Visit:
  - Interviews, Incident Discussions, and Field
     Observations, with Immediate Feedback on Areas of
     Concern and after action evaluation
  - Evaluation of Safety in Coker areas
  - Risk Assessment for each event/facility
  - Identification of Issues
  - Recommendations
- 3. Follow up on implementation

## Delayed Coking Safety Facilities – 23 Original Coking.com

PSR has completed 22. The last item, Coke Cutting Instrumentation, will be completed during 2011 DCU Safety Project.

## **Delayed Coker Safety Facilities**

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### **Refinery Locations**

| 23 | oker Safety - Layer of<br>Protection Item                    | Deer Park                            | Port Arthur - DCU-1   | Norco                                  | Puget Sound                            | Martinez                                | Buenos Aires                           | Port Arthur - DCU-2                |  |  |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1  | Furnace PRV's  | No, Risk Assesment<br>completed.     | Yes   | Yes                                    | Yes                                    | Yes                                     | Yes                                    | Not required per<br>design         |  |  |
| 2  | Alternate Emergency<br>Egress Means                          | Ramps                                | Ramps   | Baker Life Chutes<br>and Ramp          | Ramps, Deluge<br>Egress                | Baker Life Chutes                       | Yes - RA Done                          | Ramps                              |  |  |
| 3  | Fire Suppression   | Yes                                  | Yes   | Yes                                    | Yes                                    | Yes                                     | Yes (FFW automatic<br>system)          | Yes Structure Fire<br>Water System |  |  |
| 4  | Alternate Top Quench (Top<br>Deluge, unheading &<br>Cooling) | Yes                                  | Yes   | Yes                                    | Yes                                    | Yes                                     | Yes                                    | Yes                                |  |  |
| 5  | Remote Bottom Unheading<br>System                            | Yes: Upgrade to Delta<br>Valves 2007 | Yes - Hahn & Clay;<br>Planned Upgrade to<br>Delta Valve in 2017 | Yes: Upgrade to Delta<br>Valve in 2006 | Yes: Upgrade to Delta<br>Valve in 2011 | Yes: Upgrade to Delta<br>Valves in 2009 | Yes: Upgrade to Delta<br>Valve in 2010 | Yes - Z&J Valves -<br>2011         |  |  |
|    | Remote Feed Line Opening                                     |                                      | Yes - Gravloc Bottom  |  | Yes 3-D Alignment -                    |   |  |                                    |  |  |

23 Safety Facilities from the original 1999 DCU Safety & Reliability Study. Tracked by the DCU TechNet TDN and TIN, as well as the HSSE Americas and Project

### **Delayed Coking Best Practices -** Includes Updated Facilities

PSR has completed 22 out of 27-5 more under review or done as small projects

### **Delayed Coking Best Practices** – 17 are additional Facilities

| Coker Safety - Layer<br>of Protection Item   | Deer Park                                | Port Arthur DCU-1                         | Norco   | Puget Sound   | Martinez                                | Buenos Aires                | Port Arthur DCU-2                                      |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Running lights at all<br>decks (2 <sup>nd</sup> , Vapor and<br>top) to indicate the<br>coke drum is in<br>service.                                      | NO                                       | Indicating lights on switch and top deck. | 2nd floor only  | Yes, since mid 1990's                                   | No                                      | NO                          | Remote Operated<br>Control Panels with<br>Lights       |  |  |  |
| 2. Blowdown system<br>sour water flow<br>meters and totalizers.  | Yes                                      | Yes                                       | total flow for SW, but<br>not strictly for<br>blowdown. However<br>it is calculatable. OSE<br>to provided<br>procedure to | Project using Sonic<br>Meters (Flexim)                  | Yes                                     | Yes                         | Yes  |  |  |  |
| 3. Tack-welding of<br>coke cutting nozzles.<br>Flowserve Tools only.   | Yes - Getting Delta<br>Valve Auto Switch | Yes                                       | Yes   | Not Required on RP<br>tools -Yes on<br>Flowserve tools. | Yes, but we have had<br>some break off. | Not Required on RP<br>tools | Reviewing<br>requirement for new<br>Flowserve Tools    |  |  |  |
| 4. Monitor and plot<br>delta P between drum<br>and fractionator flash<br>zone.   | Yes, quarterly report<br>and Radical     | Yes                                       | Yes   | Yes - A DCU KPI   | Yes                                     | Yes                         | Proposed- a part of<br>Proactive Process<br>Monitoring |  |  |  |
| 5. Antifoam certificate  |  |   |   |   |   |                             | Proposed - assume                                      |  |  |  |
| 27 Delayed Coking Best Practices developed from 2004 - 2011. Developed and tracked by the DCU TechNet. TDN and TIN, as well as Project Management at Sites |  |   |   |   |   |                             |  |  |  |  |

and in Houston

### **Shell Delayed Coking Safety Meeting**



Photograph of dust plume from a Hot Coke Drum within refinery limits. Study done; facilities installed and these no longer occur.

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### **Shell Delayed Coking Safety Project Meeting**





### **PSR DCU 2011 Safety Project Training**

### Safety Project Focus

Bottom Slide Valves – LAR, NR, DPR, MR, BAR, PSR, PAR CEP DCU2 PAR DCU-1 remaining

- **Top Slide Valves** BAR, PSR, PAR CEP DCU2. DPR and NR both
- have Projects >>> DCU Model Bowties DCU-1 and MR remaining
- **Dual Feed Inlet** MR, Buenos Aries, PSR, PAR CEP DCU-2 Dual Feed and Retractable Feed Inlet under review by others.
- **Interlocks** new or Upgrades, PSR, BAR, PAR-DCU1, others reviewing Basis Model Bow Tie.

**Remote Coke Cutting** – BAR, PSR, PAR CEP DCU-2

**DCU IPF** – New or Upgrades PAR, PSR, NR, BAR

Safety Facilities and Best Practice Facilities – all locations Example – Coke Drum Levels: NBS plus Continuous Gamma at Top Other - Coflexip Decoking Hose – PAR, MR

#### **Delta Valve Retractable Center Feed Device**



## Implementation – Other

Auto-Shift Combo Tool



## Motiva Port Arthur DCU2



## <sup>72</sup> Video Camera Views



4-Square View



Top Head View



Chutes



IR / Thermal Camera – Pit and Maze
# Key learnings & successful practices at PSR



Video is essential 'kit' for a coke handler. PSR requires a system which is reliable and will provide at least four views simultaneously.

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(Open head, winch drum, chute, and crane location.)

The coke handling experience becomes increasingly visual because of the loss of proximity. Instrumentation provides valuable feedback but is too indirect to portray some of the nuanced events that require prompt response.



Audio is near-essential. PSR has tried to provide a system which is reliable and low-noise. Multiple locations is helpful, particularly near the cone and mid-to-upper drum.

Audio provides information which is not offered by any other instrument, including verification of clean drum, proximity to drum wall during cut, coke bed condition, etc.



Panel ergonomics should be a key deliverable because of the attention and static body posture required. Consider working with a coke cutting operator to design the panel.

Avoid replacing physical controls with HMI touch screen controls. Prevent requiring continuous pressure on a joystick, as this may invite 'creative solutions' by the user.

### Steptember 2012 Key successful practices at psr - 2



Consider "serious controls" on human presence on the cutting deck during unheading and decoking. Routine human presence may come to be viewed as necessary, and reduce the benefit of the effort.

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There are multiple examples of sites which have installed remote decoking only to use it with people on the deck and/or not to use it at all. Its clear that making this transition requires resolve; use it.



HMI graphics need to be simple to use, consistent, and well understood by the coke handler.

Agree on design and dynamic behaviour well ahead of the FAT, so that FAT testing can include complete graphics.



Consider hydraulic or electric winches.

Puget retained pneumatic winches because we had been successful with them and were already undertaking a substantial change. Other technologies may be more suitable for remote operation.

### PAR DCU2 CEP

- This unit has all of the 1999 recommendations and more!
- World Class Delayed Coking Unit.



# **Delayed Coking Unit 2**

Port Arthur Refinery

### Safety – Remote Unheading

### Bottom Z&J Unheading Valve – During Construction



Dual Cylinder Drive Rams

### Safety – Remote Unheading

Top Z&J Unheading Valve – Post Construction



## Safety – Drum Switching



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### Safety – Remote Coke Cutting



Maintenance Podium only allows raising and lowering of drill stem.

MOV Operating Panel located to reduce line of fire and unnecessary climbing.



# Safety – Remote Unheading & Coke Cutting Shelter (RUCCS)



### Safety – RUCCS User Interfaces



### Safety – Coke Handling



#### Silos and Load Out Shelters

#### Silo's Eye View



#### Coking.com Design Improvements – Quench Water Storage Tank

- Drum overhead vapor is quenched using quench tower bottoms
- HHGO used as quench tower make up
  - Reduced natural recycle
  - More stable quench tower operation (due in part to quench water spray)
- Conical Bottom Quench Tank
- Four Mixing Nozzles



### Motiva Port Arthur DCU2

