

Bp Texas City Incident

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Takes the reader into the realm of human and organisational factors that contributed to the Deepwater Horizon disaster in 2010. This event resulted in the loss of 11 lives, the sinking of the rig and untold damage to the environment. It is important to know what people did, but even more important to know why they did it. Hopkins from ANU.

Behavioral Corporate Finance provides instructors with a comprehensive pedagogical approach for teaching students how behavioral concepts apply to corporate finance. The primary goal is to identify the key psychological obstacles to value maximizing behavior, along with steps that managers can take to mitigate the effects of these obstacles.

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On April 16, 1947, a small fire broke out among bags of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in the hold of the ship Grandcamp as it lay docked at Texas City, Texas. Despite immediate attempts to extinguish the fire, it rapidly intensified until the Grandcamp exploded in a blast that caused massive loss of life and property. In the ensuing chaos, no one gave much thought to the ship in the next slip, the High Flyer. It exploded sixteen hours later. The story of the Texas City explosions—America's worst industrial disaster in terms of casualties—has never been fully told until now. In this book, Hugh W. Stephens draws on official reports, newspaper and magazine articles, personal letters, and interviews with several dozen survivors to provide the first full account of the disaster at Texas City. Stephens describes the two explosions and the heroic efforts of Southeast Texans to rescue survivors and cope with extensive property damage. At the same time, he explores why the disaster occurred, showing how a chain of indifference and negligence made a serious industrial accident almost inevitable, while a lack of emergency planning allowed it to escalate into a major catastrophe. This gripping, cautionary tale holds important lessons for a wide reading public.

This book on chemical engineering elucidates on the concepts and theories fundamental to this field of study. Chemical Engineering is a branch of engineering that uses the principles of applied physics, chemistry, life sciences and other scientific fields for production, use and transformation of chemicals, materials and energy to serve various engineering purposes. There has been rapid progress in this field and its applications are finding their way across multiple industries such as biotechnology, control engineering, plant design, etc. This book offers information about the essential topics of chemical engineering while also discussing the progress made in modern theory and principles of the field. It elucidates new techniques and their applications in a multidisciplinary manner. This book traces the progress of this field and highlights some of its key concepts. For all readers who are interested in chemical engineering, the case studies included in this book will serve as an excellent guide to develop a comprehensive understanding.

Process safety metrics is a topic of frequent conversation within chemical industry associations. Guidelines for Process Safety Metrics provides basic information on process safety performance indicators, including a comprehensive list of metrics for measuring performance and examples as to how they can be successfully applied over both the short and long term. For engineers, insurers, corporate trainers, military personnel, government officials, students, and managers involved in production, product and process development,

Guidelines for Process Safety Metrics can help determine appropriate metrics useful in monitoring performance and improving process safety programs. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Hazop and Hazan were developed to identify and assess hazards in the process industries. The use of these techniques leads to safer plants. Understanding the practical issues involved in their correct implementation is the theme of this book.

In April 2010, the world watched in alarm as BP's Macondo well suffered a fatal explosion and a catastrophic leak. Over the next three months, amid tense scenes of corporate and political finger-pointing, millions of barrels of crude oil dispersed across the Gulf of Mexico in what became one of the worst oil spills in history. But there is more to BP's story than this. Tom Bergin, an oil broker turned Reuters reporter, watched the 'two-pipeline company' of the early 1980s grow into a dynamic oil giant and PR machine by the turn of the twenty-first century. His unique access to key figures before, during and after the spill - including former CEO Tony Hayward - has enabled him to piece together this compelling account of a corporation in crisis, and to examine how crucial decisions made during BP's remarkable turnaround paved the way for its darkest hour.

On March 23, 2005, at 1:20 p.m., the BP Texas City Refinery suffered one of the worst industrial disasters in recent U.S. history. Explosions and fires killed 15 people and injured another 180, alarmed the community, and resulted in financial losses exceeding \$1.5 billion. The incident occurred during the startup of an isomerization¹ (ISOM) unit when a raffinate splitter tower² was overfilled; pressure relief devices opened, resulting in a flammable liquid geyser from a blowdown stack that was not equipped with a flare. The release of flammables led to an explosion and fire. All of the fatalities occurred in or near office trailers located close to the blowdown drum. A shelter-in-place order was issued that required 43,000 people to remain indoors. Houses were damaged as far away as three-quarters of a mile from the refinery.

An exposé on British oil giant BP not only looks at the massive Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill but also the company's ongoing history of environmental and safety violations, in a book written by a journalist who has been covering BP for years. 100,000 first printing.

Contents: Introduction, Qualitative Methods of Risk Assessment, Quantitative Methods of Risk Assessment-I: Consequence Analysis, Quantitative Methods of Risk Assessment-II: Rapid Risk Assessment, Quantitative Methods of Risk Assessment-III: Probabilistic Hazard Assessment, Studies on Chain, of Accidents (Domino Effects), Methods of Hazard Identification, Screening and Ranking, Application of Risk Analysis in Process Design.

Lees' is industry's first stop for process safety information. Lees' 4e is the comprehensive and scaleable source of professional industrial process safety and loss prevention information.

Available in print and electronic formats, and online with additional new tools and an annual update schedule, Lees' provides users with the information they require to ensure process safety. Volume 1 covers legislation, engineering and design: Key topics include law; major hazard control; economics and insurance; reliability engineering; hazard identification; hazard assessment; process design; pressure system design; control system design; emission and dispersion; and fire. Volume 2 covers operation and practical safety: Key topics include explosion, toxic release, plant operation, storage, transport, emergency planning, personal safety, accident research, reactive chemicals, safety instrumented systems, and chemical security. Volume 3 contains the case histories and data, including ACMH model license conditions; HSE guidelines' public planning inquiries; standards and codes; process safety management (PSM) regulations in the United States; risk management program regulations * THE process safety encyclopedia, trusted worldwide for over 30 years * Now available in print and online, to aid searchability and portability * Over 3600 print pages cover the full scope of process safety and loss prevention, compiling theory, practice, standards, legislation, case

studies and lessons learned, in one resource as opposed to multiple sources.

Describes a six-stage process which can be adopted by organisations wishing to implement a programme of performance monitoring for process safety risks.

The chemical sector is a key part of the national economy and has been designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as one of 17 sectors comprising the nation's Critical Infrastructure. Although its products represent only 2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product, those products underpin most other manufactured goods. To assist DHS in characterizing and mitigating the vulnerabilities faced by the nation from the chemical industry, this study examines classes of chemicals and chemical processes that are critical to the nation's security, economy, and health. It identifies vulnerabilities and points of weakness in the supply chain for these chemicals and chemical processes; assesses the likely impact of a significant disruption in the supply chain; identifies actions to help prevent disruption in the supply chain and mitigate loss and injury should such disruption occur; identifies incentives and disincentives to preventative and mitigating actions; and recommends areas of scientific, engineering, and economic research and development. The report concludes that the consequences of a deliberate attack on the chemical infrastructure would be expected to be similar in nature to the accidents we have already experienced. Under limited circumstances, such an attack could cause catastrophic casualties and loss of life, but it would take several simultaneous events to cause catastrophic economic consequences. Poor communication could amplify societal response. Overall, the recommendations in this report emphasize the benefit of investments to improve emergency preparedness for and response to chemical events. They also highlight the potential to minimize the physical hazards through development of cost-effective, safer processes that reduce the volume, toxicity, or hazardous conditions under which chemicals are processed.

Designed to give students and public relations professionals the knowledge and skills they need to become successful crisis managers, *Applied Crisis Communication and Crisis Management: Cases and Exercises* by W. Timothy Coombs, includes a wide range of cases that explore crisis communication and management in action using a practical approach. In the first two chapters, the author introduces key theories and principles in crisis communication, which students apply by analyzing 17 cases drawn from recent headlines. Cases are explored from pre-crisis, mid-crisis, and post-crisis communication perspectives, and include a range of predominant crisis scenarios from product recalls to lawsuits to environmental disasters.

On July 28, 2005, 4 months after a devastating incident in the Isomerization (Isom) Unit that killed 15 workers and injured 180, the BP Texas City refinery experienced a major fire in the Resid Hydrotreater Unit (RHU) that caused a reported \$30 million in property damage. One employee sustained a minor injury during the emergency unit shutdown and there were no fatalities. The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) issues this Safety Bulletin to focus attention on process equipment configuration control and positive material verification of critical alloy steel piping components. The CSB recommends that the refining, petrochemical, and chemical industries review material verification programs to ensure that maintenance procedures include sufficient controls and positive material identification (PMI) testing to prevent improper material substitutions in hazardous process systems.

Learning from Failures provides techniques to explore the root causes of specific disasters and how we can learn from them. It focuses on a number of well-known case studies, including: the sinking of the Titanic; the BP Texas City incident; the Chernobyl disaster; the NASA Space Shuttle Columbia accident; the Bhopal disaster; and the Concorde accident. This title is an ideal teaching aid, informed by the author's extensive teaching and practical experience and including a list of learning outcomes at

the beginning of each chapter, detailed derivation, and many solved examples for modeling and decision analysis. This book discusses the value in applying different models as mental maps to analyze disasters. The analysis of these case studies helps to demonstrate how subjectivity that relies on opinions of experts can be turned into modeling approaches that can ensure repeatability and consistency of results. The book explains how the lessons learned by studying these individual cases can be applied to a wide range of industries. This work is an ideal resource for undergraduate and postgraduate students, and will also be useful for industry professionals who wish to avoid repeating mistakes that resulted in devastating consequences. Explores the root cause of disasters and various preventative measures Links theory with practice in regard to risk, safety, and reliability analyses Uses analytical techniques originating from reliability analysis of equipment failures, multiple criteria decision making, and artificial intelligence domains

Incidents That Define Process Safety describes approximately fifty incidents that have had a significant impact on the chemical and refining industries' approaches to modern process safety. Events are described in detail so readers get a fundamental understanding of the root causes, the consequences, the lessons learned, and actions that can prevent a recurrence. There are exhaustive investigative reports about these events, allowing you to apply the resulting safety principles to their current operations. In recent years, the safety management field has placed leadership and commitment at the center of effective workplace health and safety programs. At the same time, personal liability for workplace health and safety has increased, resulting in poor outcomes for individual managers. Discussing the minimum expectations that courts and tribunals have of managers, *Management Obligations for Health and Safety* examines the relationship between those expectations and effective safety performance. The book looks at safety management from the perspective of management obligations. What expectations are placed on managers at all levels of an organization to ensure that the workplace and systems of work are safe, and how are these expectations considered and analyzed by courts and public inquiries? As importantly, the book explores how management actions in relation to these obligations and expectations influence, positively or negatively, the safety performance of an organization. With examples drawn from legal and quasi-legal processes, one of the more enlightening and thought-provoking features of this book is the extensive use of cross examination taken from various proceedings. No one person reacts the same to finding him- or herself responsible for managing the aftermath of a death at work, or having to deal with the immediate pressure of being subject to interviews and investigation by safety regulators (much less the drawn-out experience of the legal process), but one of the most constant reactions is "Why didn't anybody tell me about this?" Stressing the importance of safety culture, this book details the true nature of the expectations that are placed on managers by virtue of their obligation to provide a safe workplace.

The use of hazardous chemicals such as methyl isocyanate can be a significant concern to the residents of communities adjacent to chemical facilities, but is often an integral part of the chemical manufacturing process. In order to ensure that chemical manufacturing takes place in a manner that is safe for workers, members of the local community, and the environment, the philosophy of inherently safer processing can be

used to identify opportunities to eliminate or reduce the hazards associated with chemical processing. However, the concepts of inherently safer process analysis have not yet been adopted in all chemical manufacturing plants. The Use and Storage of Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) at Bayer CropScience presents a possible framework to help plant managers choose between alternative processing options-considering factors such as environmental impact and product yield as well as safety- to develop a chemical manufacturing system. In 2008, an explosion at the Bayer CropScience chemical production plant in Institute, West Virginia, resulted in the deaths of two employees, a fire within the production unit, and extensive damage to nearby structures. The accident drew renewed attention to the fact that the Bayer facility manufactured and stores methyl isocyanate, or MIC - a volatile, highly toxic chemical used in the production of carbamate pesticides and the agent responsible for thousands of death in Bhopal, India, in 1984. In the Institute accident, debris from the blast hit the shield surrounding a MIC storage tank, and although the container was not damaged, an investigation by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board found that the debris could have struck a relief valve vent pipe and cause the release of MIC to the atmosphere. The Board's investigation also highlighted a number of weaknesses in the Bayer facility's emergency response systems. In light of these concerns, the Board requested the National Research Council convene a committee of independent experts to write a report that examines the use and storage of MIC at the Bayer facility. The Use and Storage of Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) at Bayer CropScience also evaluates the analyses on alternative production methods for MIC and carbamate pesticides performed by Bayer and the previous owners of the facility.

Analyzes major disasters in recent history and explains how their deep financial, emotional, and historical impacts could have been avoided.

Why do mine disasters continue to occur in wealthy countries when major mine hazards have been known for over 200 years and subject to regulation for well over a century?

What lessons can be drawn from these disasters and are mine operators, regulators and others drawing the correct conclusions from such events? Why is mining significantly safer in some countries than in others? Are the underlying causes of disasters substantially different from those that result in one or two fatalities? This book seeks to answer these questions by systematically analysing mine disasters and fatal incidents in five countries (Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the USA) since 1992. It finds that there are 10 pattern causes which repeatedly recur in these incidents, namely: engineering, design and maintenance flaws, failure to heed warning signs, flaws in risk assessment, flaws in management systems, flaws in system auditing, economic/reward pressures compromising safety, failures in regulatory oversight, worker/supervisor concerns that were ignored, poor worker/management communication and trust, and flaws in emergency and rescue procedures. The vast majority of incidents entailed at least three of these pattern causes and many exhibited five or more. The book also demonstrates these pattern deficiencies are not confined to mining but can be identified in other workplace disasters including aircraft crashes, oil-rig explosions, refinery and factory fires, and shipping disasters. At the same time, the examination finds no evidence to support other popular explanations of mine safety which focus on behaviour, culture or complex technologies. It finds that there is little to differentiate the failures that lead to single death or multiple deaths and 'disaster'

studies would benefit from also examining near misses. The book examines why pattern causes have proved so resistant to intervention by governments while also identifying instances where lessons have been learned. How, for example, do governments strike a balance between prescriptive regulation and risk management/system-based approaches? Only by understanding and modifying the political economy of safety can these problems be addressed. It concludes by proposing an agenda for change that will address pattern causes and contribute to safe and productive work environments. The book is written for those studying OHS, mine safety and risk management as well as those involved in the management or regulation of high hazard workplaces. In the news... Ten steps from disaster, *The International Trade Union Confederation - Health & Safety News*, 20 April 2015 [Read full article](#)... Disasters in high hazard workplaces are 'predictable and preventable', *Hazards Magazine*, March 2015 [Read full article](#)... Mine Accidents and Disaster Database, Mine Safety Institute Australia, March 2015 [Read full article](#)... OHS Reps - Research News, *SafetyNetJournal*, 12 February 2015 [Read full article](#)... The 10 "pattern" causes of workplace disasters, *OHSAlert*, 11 February 2015 [Read full article](#)... New book challenges current OHS trends, *SafetyAtWorkBlog*, 2 February 2015 [Read full article](#)... Tasmania needs more mines inspectors, *Australian Mining Magazine*, 2 October 2014 [Read full article](#)... Australian mine deaths preventable if warnings heeded, *WorkSafe seminar hears, ABC News*, 2 October 2014 [Read full article](#)... Lessons from Tasmania's mining industry for all workplaces, *TasmanianTimes.com*, 1 October 2014 [Read full article](#)... Auditor Says Tasmanian Mine Safety in need of Urgent Review, *Australasian Mining Review*, 16 July, 2014 [Read full article](#)... Damning report on Tasmanian mine safety finds inspectors over-stretched, poorly paid, *ABC News*, 15 July 2014 [Read full article](#)... Call for support for grieving families backed, *The Examiner*, 22 April 2014 [Read full article](#)...

Building on years of research and experience in the field, *Leading with Safety* redefines organizational safety as an activity that both leads other performance areas and in turn must be led. Thomas Krause poses the question, "What does it take to be a great safety leader?" — and answers with a comprehensive new model for understanding safety leadership as it affects organizational culture and safety climate. *Leading with Safety* defines the practices, tools, and systems essential to creating an injury-free workplace, including the role of employees at each level, special considerations for coaching the senior executive leader, and the two crucial aspects of human performance that every leader needs to know. Ending with inspiring real-world examples or organizations that have put these tools into practice, *Leading with Safety* is written for any leader who wants to lead with safety toward a more robust, productive and effective organization.

More Incidents that Define Process Safety book describes over 50 incidents which have had a significant impact on the chemical industry as well as the basic elements of process safety. Each incident is presented in sufficient detail to gain an understanding of root causes for the event with a focus on lessons learned and the impact the incident had on process safety. Incidents are grouped by incident type including Reactive chemical; Fires; Explosions; Environmental/toxic releases; and Transportation incidents. The book also covers incidents from other industries that illustrate the safety management elements. The book builds on the first volume and adds incidents from China, India, Italy and Japan. Further at the time the first volume was being written,

CCPS was developing a new generation of process safety management elements that were presented as risk based process safety; these elements are addressed in the incidents covered.

The story of the worst environmental disaster in American history and its enduring consequences BP Blowout is the first comprehensive account of the legal, economic, and environmental consequences of the disaster that resulted from the April 2010 blowout at a BP well in the Gulf of Mexico. The accident, which destroyed the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, killed 11 people. The ensuing oil discharge—the largest ever in U.S. waters—polluted much of the Gulf for months, wreaking havoc on its inhabitants and the environment. A management professor and former award-winning Justice Department lawyer responsible for enforcing environmental laws, Daniel Jacobs tells the story that neither BP nor the federal government wants heard: how the company and the government fell short, both in terms of preventing and responding to the disaster. Critical details about the cause and aftermath of the disaster have emerged through court proceedings and with time. The key finding of the federal judge who presided over the civil litigation was that the blowout resulted from BP's gross negligence. BP has paid tens of billions of dollars to settle claims and lawsuits. The company also has pled guilty to manslaughter in a separate criminal case, but no one responsible for the tragedy is going to prison. BP Blowout provides new and disturbing details in a definitive narrative that takes the reader inside BP, the White House, Congress and the courthouse. This is an important book for readers interested in the environment, sustainability, public policy, leadership, and risk management.

Lees' Process Safety Essentials is a single-volume digest presenting the critical, practical content from Lees' Loss Prevention for day-to-day use and reference. It is portable, authoritative, affordable, and accessible — ideal for those on the move, students, and individuals without access to the full three volumes of Lees'. This book provides a convenient summary of the main content of Lees', primarily drawn from the hazard identification, assessment, and control content of volumes one and two. Users can access Essentials for day-to-day reference on topics including plant location and layout; human factors and human error; fire, explosion and toxic release; engineering for sustainable development; and much more. This handy volume is a valuable reference, both for students or early-career professionals who may not need the full scope of Lees', and for more experienced professionals needing quick, convenient access to information. Boils down the essence of Lees'—the process safety encyclopedia trusted worldwide for over 30 years Provides safety professionals with the core information they need to understand the most common safety and loss prevention challenges Covers the latest standards and presents information, including recent incidents such as Texas City and Buncefield

Master's Thesis from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Economic Policy, grade: B, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen (Energy Centre), course: Master of Science Oil & Gas Engineering, language: English, abstract: Despite sophisticated Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Management Systems and highly developed safety cultures, major accidents in the Oil & Gas industry are reoccurring events. This type of low frequency high impact event puts at stake the health and safety of employees, the viability of the ecosystem, the integrity of the structure, the life and health of populations in neighboring communities and can also massively impact the

economic situation of a region. Prevention of major accidents is therefore of utmost importance. Detailed case studies of nine historic major accidents revealed common features in the accidents, although they represent a wide range of individual accident scenarios. Identified common features and recurring patterns were degradation of safety measures, decrease in attention and awareness towards major accident hazards as well as an increase in complacency and resulting management failures. These findings served as the basis for a prevention model specific to major accident hazards in the Oil & Gas industry. The Management of Major Accidents Scenarios model (MOMAS) was designed with special attention to practical application, information availability over long time periods and avoiding degradation of safety systems, in a holistic system approach. The MOMAS model consists of elements fit for application and offers palpable and precise support in performing the individual assessment steps. This was tested by demonstrating the prevention potential of the MOMAS model on three of the case study incidents. The MOMAS model also integrated the approach of As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA), which is deemed to be more applicable to a major accident scenario setting than the current approach of As Low As Reasonably Pra

This book provides a comprehensive treatment of investigating chemical processing incidents. It presents on-the-job information, techniques, and examples that support successful investigations. Issues related to identification and classification of incidents (including near misses), notifications and initial response, assignment of an investigation team, preservation and control of an incident scene, collecting and documenting evidence, interviewing witnesses, determining what happened, identifying root causes, developing recommendations, effectively implementing recommendation, communicating investigation findings, and improving the investigation process are addressed in the third edition. While the focus of the book is investigating process safety incidents the methodologies, tools, and techniques described can also be applied when investigating other types of events such as reliability, quality, occupational health, and safety incidents.

Recreates the ammonium nitrate explosion that occurred off the coast of Texas City, Texas in 1947 that took the lives of seven hundred people, and injured close to five thousand others, vividly detailing this small town's heroism and courage as they filed a momentous legal claim against the United States government. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

The first comprehensive reference work on error management, blending the latest thinking with state of the art industry practice on how organizations can learn from mistakes. Even today the reality of error management in some organizations is simple: "Don't make mistakes. And if you do, you're on your own unless you can blame someone else." In most, it has moved on but it is still often centered around quality control, with Six Sigma Black Belts seeking to eradicate errors with an unattainable goal of zero. But the best organizations have gone further. They understand that mistakes happen, be they systemic or human. They have realized that rather than being stigmatized, errors have to be openly discussed, analyzed, and used as a source for learning. In *How Could This Happen?* Jan Hagen collects insights from the leading academics in this field – covering the prerequisites for error reporting, such as psychological safety, organizational learning and innovation, safety management

systems, and the influence of senior leadership behavior on the reporting climate. This research is complemented by contributions from practitioners who write about their professional experiences of error management. They provide not only ideas for implementation but also offer an inside view of highly demanding work environments, such as flight operations in the military and operating nuclear submarines. Every organization makes mistakes. Not every organization learns from them. It's the job of leaders to create the culture and processes that enable that to happen. Hagen and his team show you how.

Disasters have been a menace, throughout history. Earlier, disasters were, mainly due to natural happenings and unfortunate incidents, like epidemics, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, floods, wind storms, etc. But, with the rapid development of science and technology, now, disasters have become a part of our modern life. The apparent change in the scenario is that now, besides natural disasters, have emerged man-made disasters, like industrial disasters. In fact, Industrial Disasters are a real hazard, nowadays; there is no country which is immune from disasters, though vulnerability to disaster varies. The definition, adopted by the World Health Organisation (WHO), terms a disaster, as, "The result of a vast ecological breakdown, in relations, between man and his environment, a serious and sudden (or slow, as in drought) disruption on such a scale that the stricken community needs extraordinary efforts, to cope with it, often with outside help or international aid." In modern times, perhaps, the industrial disasters are the worst, among all disasters. So, there was a need for a comprehensive book on Industrial Disasters, as a subject. This modest work is a meaningful effort, in the same direction. This comprehensive study on Industrial Disasters, in an academic manner, has culminated into an exhaustive and exclusive work on the subject.

This open access book addresses several questions regarding the implementation of human and organisational factors (HOF) so that recent improvements in industrial safety can be built upon. It addresses sources of frustration in senior management with high expectations of operational recommendations and disquiet on the part of HOF specialists struggling to have an impact on high-level decision making. The brief explores these issues with an emphasis on examples and lessons learned based on the experience of its authors, who come from different academic disciplines and various industrial sectors such as oil and gas, energy and transportation. It then offers some ways forward for a better consideration of HOF in hazardous companies with a view of promoting safety and facing challenges in a rapidly changing world.

The Department of Defense, through the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program, is currently in the process of constructing two full-scale pilot plants at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky to destroy the last two remaining inventories of chemical weapons in the U.S. stockpile. These two storage sites together account for about 10 percent of the original U.S. chemical agent stockpile that is in the process of being destroyed in accordance with the international Chemical Weapons Convention treaty. Unlike their predecessors, these facilities will use neutralization technologies to destroy agents contained within rockets, projectiles, and mortar rounds, requiring the use of specially designed equipment. As part of its focus on safe operation of the planned facilities, the Program Manager for Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives asked the National Research Council (NRC) to conduct a study to offer guidance on the application of process safety

metrics at the Pueblo Chemical Depot and Blue Grass Army Depot. Process safety is a disciplined framework for managing the integrity of operating systems, processes and personnel handling hazardous substances, and operations by applying good design principles, engineering, and operating practices. Process Safety Metrics at the Blue Grass and Pueblo Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plants discusses the use of leading and lagging process safety metrics that could provide feedback on the effectiveness of controls to mitigate risks and minimize consequences of potential incidents. The book makes several recommendations that will facilitate the development and application of process safety metrics at both sites.

With 28 new chapters, the third edition of *The Practice of System and Network Administration* innovates yet again! Revised with thousands of updates and clarifications based on reader feedback, this new edition also incorporates DevOps strategies even for non-DevOps environments. Whether you use Linux, Unix, or Windows, this new edition describes the essential practices previously handed down only from mentor to protégé. This wonderfully lucid, often funny cornucopia of information introduces beginners to advanced frameworks valuable for their entire career, yet is structured to help even experts through difficult projects. Other books tell you what commands to type. This book teaches you the cross-platform strategies that are timeless! DevOps techniques: Apply DevOps principles to enterprise IT infrastructure, even in environments without developers Game-changing strategies: New ways to deliver results faster with less stress Fleet management: A comprehensive guide to managing your fleet of desktops, laptops, servers and mobile devices Service management: How to design, launch, upgrade and migrate services Measurable improvement: Assess your operational effectiveness; a forty-page, pain-free assessment system you can start using today to raise the quality of all services Design guides: Best practices for networks, data centers, email, storage, monitoring, backups and more Management skills: Organization design, communication, negotiation, ethics, hiring and firing, and more Have you ever had any of these problems? Have you been surprised to discover your backup tapes are blank? Ever spent a year launching a new service only to be told the users hate it? Do you have more incoming support requests than you can handle? Do you spend more time fixing problems than building the next awesome thing? Have you suffered from a botched migration of thousands of users to a new service? Does your company rely on a computer that, if it died, can't be rebuilt? Is your network a fragile mess that breaks any time you try to improve it? Is there a periodic "hell month" that happens twice a year? Twelve times a year? Do you find out about problems when your users call you to complain? Does your corporate "Change Review Board" terrify you? Does each division of your company have their own broken way of doing things? Do you fear that automation will replace you, or break more than it fixes? Are you underpaid and overworked? No vague "management speak" or empty platitudes. This comprehensive guide provides real solutions that prevent these problems and more!

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