

FIRE ENGINEERING AND EXPLOSION CONTROL

MODULE I PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF FIRE

Fire properties of solid, liquid and gases - fire spread - toxicity of products of combustion - theory of combustion and explosion – vapour clouds – flash fire – jet fires – pool fires – unconfined vapour cloud explosion, shock waves - auto-ignition – boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion – case studies – Flixborough, Mexico disaster, Pasadena Texas, Piper Alpha, Peterborough and Bombay Victoria dock ship explosions.

MODULE II FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

Sources of ignition – fire triangle – principles of fire extinguishing – active and passive fire protection systems – various classes of fires – A, B, C, D, E – types of fire extinguishers – fire stoppers – hydrant pipes – hoses – monitors – fire watchers – lay out of stand pipes – fire station-fire alarms and sirens – maintenance of fire trucks – foam generators – escape from fire rescue operations – fire drills – notice-first aid for burns.

Sprinkler-hydrants-stand pipes – special fire suppression systems like deluge and emulsifier, selection criteria of the above installations, reliability, maintenance, evaluation and standards – alarm and detection systems. Other suppression systems – CO₂ system, foam system, dry chemical powder (DCP) system, halon system – need for halon replacement – smoke venting. Portable extinguishers – flammable liquids – tank farms – indices of inflammability-fire fighting systems.

MODULE III BUILDING FIRE SAFETY

Objectives of fire safe building design, Fire load, fire resistant material and fire testing – structural fire protection – structural integrity – concept of egress design - exists – width calculations - fire certificates – fire safety requirements for high rise buildings – snookers.

MODULE IV EXPLOSION PROTECTING SYSTEMS

Principles of explosion-detonation and blast waves-explosion parameters – Explosion Protection, Containment, Flame Arrestors, isolation, suppression, venting, explosion relief of large enclosure-explosion venting-inert gases, plant for generation of inert gas-rupture disc in process vessels and lines explosion, suppression system based on carbon dioxide (CO₂) and halons-hazards in LPG, ammonia (NH₃), sulphur dioxide (SO₃), chlorine (Cl₂) etc.

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