

Vaccum Gasoil Hydrotreater Unit

AXENS VGO HDT PROCESS

OPERATIONS TRAINING

Objective: To provide in-depth knowledge of the **VGO HDT** process and particularly the client's unit. By the end of the course, the participants will have:

- A general understanding of the significance of the unit within the refinery scheme
- A broad technical understanding of the catalyst and the chemical reactions involved in the process
- A solid knowledge of the Process Flow Diagram and equipment
- A thorough knowledge of operating conditions and their impact on performance
- A good overview of the start-up and shutdown activities (NB: a detailed review of procedures is not included in the course).
- A sound knowledge of the main troubleshooting actions

Duration: The training course lasts 5 days. The duration can be tailored to the participants' level of understanding.

Attendance: This course is targeted to unit process engineers, unit technical managers, shift leaders, and board men. Suitably qualified or experienced outside operators may attend to enhance their process knowledge.

Program: The program below may be modified due to specific customer requirements, subject to an agreement between the customer and AXENS.

Day 1

1. Introduction

- Supply/demand situation
- Market trends
- Environmental regulation
- Focus on the unit in its context

2. Process Objectives

- General information
- Feed characteristics
- Unit duty
- Products' specifications
- Material Balance

3. Chemical Reactions

- Chemistry and catalysis basics
- Feed chemical composition
- Chemical reactions
- Catalysts
- Catalyst contaminants

Day 2

4. Process Description

- Process Flow Diagrams
- Piping & Instrumentation Diagrams
- Main equipment (Drawings, pictures and functions)

5. Start up Preparation

- Pre-commissioning operations
- Commissioning operations:
 - > Leak tests
 - > Dry out
 - > Inerting
 - > Catalyst loading...

Day 3

6. Main Start up Operations

- Detailed description of the steps involved in introducing fresh feed:
 - > HP sections pressurization
 - > LP sections pressurization and gas-oil filling
 - > HP and LP sections line-up
 - > Long closed loop circulation
 - > Reactive feed introduction
 - > Unit tuning

Day 4

7. Normal Operation and Operating Parameters

- Summary of main operating conditions
- Operating variables
- Adjusting operating conditions
- Analytical control
- Catalyst cycle length follow-up

8. Troubleshooting

- Catalyst activity issues
- Operational disturbances

9. Shutdown and restart

- Detailed description of a:
 - > Planned shut-down for:
 - Stand-by
 - Maintenance
 - Catalyst handling
 - > Normal restart

Day 5

10. Description of Emergency Situations

- Emergency procedures
- Interlock loops

11. Catalyst Special Procedures

- Sulfiding
- Hydrogen Stripping
- Unloading

12. Health, Safety and Environment

13. Quiz