

An Introduction to Hazard and Operability Studies: The Guide Word Approach, by R.F. Knowlton, Chemetics International Ltd., Canada, 1981, 42 pages, \$7.00.

The Chemical Process Industry, being an innovative one, produces a constant stream of new processes and products which sometimes involve working at extremes of temperature, pressure, scale of operation or acute toxicity. There is, within the industry, growing awareness of the necessity to apply more systematic approaches to safety and operational analysis protection of the workers, the public and the environment. One set of techniques, designed to identify hazards, called Hazard and Operability Studies is the subject of this book.

The techniques described aim to stimulate the imagination of designers in a systematic way so that they can identify the potential hazards in a design before they are realized in practice.

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