

***SPECIAL FEATURE SECTION:
SAFETY OF CHEMICAL PROCESSES***

Editorial

The last issue of 2002 contained our first process safety feature section and was extremely well received. Readers commented on how useful it was and suggested that we should have a small feature every November/December. This seemed an excellent idea, and we hope to run this annually.

As part of this feature, it was suggested that we should ask someone to review the recent literature on process safety. I thought that we should also look at some past incidents, since we can and should learn from history, particularly the mistakes of others. David am Ende from Pfizer and Paul Vogt from Albany Molecular kindly agreed to carry out this review, and it follows this editorial. We also asked for papers on safety-related issues, and we have received some high-quality articles.

My thanks to all who submitted papers, to David and Paul, and to readers for their useful ideas for this special section. Your comments on how we can improve this feature for 2004 are welcomed.

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