





# Course: Risk Based Strategies for Inspection & Maintenance (RBI & RBM)

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Risk Based Inspection (RBI) methodology enables the assessment of the likelihood and potential consequences of pressure equipment failures. RBI provides companies the opportunity to prioritize their equipment for inspection; optimize inspection methods, frequencies and resources; develop specific equipment inspection plans; and enable the implementation of Reliability Centered Maintenance. This results in improved safety, lower failure risks, fewer forced shutdowns, and reduced operational costs.

#### The risk-based approach needs:

- To be multi-disciplined
- To be realistically applicable to plant integrity
- Design with future scenarios in mind
- Consideration of all potential degradation mechanisms
- Understanding of the risks involved
- Awareness of Fitness for Service assessment techniques

# **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide clear understanding of the key aspects of Risk Based Inspection, its advantages and limitations
- To provide a clear understanding of how it is linked to reliability-centered maintenance



- Understand how fitness-for-service assessment affects the Risk
- To show you how to develop a successful RBI program at your facility
- Provide you with the practical and effective methods you need to perform practical likelihood and consequence analysis
- Show you how to develop optimum Inspection intervals for individual equipment based on the assessment of the active degradation mechanisms

# **ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT**

- Identification and assessment of active degradation mechanisms
- Implementation of a Risk Based Inspection program would result in significant measurable improvements improved plant integrity
- Fewer failures
- Optimization of inspection and maintenance plans and resources
- Reduction in operating costs

# PERSONAL IMPACT

- Delegates will acquire the knowledge necessary to apply the risk-based methodology
- Delegates will acquire the skills necessary to apply the risk-based methodology
- Enhance competence in RBI
- Enhance performance level
- Contribute additional value to the organization

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Operations Engineers
- Maintenance Engineers
- Engineering Managers and Supervisors
- Technical Staff with responsibilities for inspection, maintenance, assessment and



mitigation of plant equipment degradation, and who want to use RBI effectively in their plants

## outline

#### **Significance of Inspection in Plant Integrity and Maintenance Costs**

- The Real Function of Inspection
- Inspection Key Performance Indicators

#### **Common Inspection Strategies and Their Limitations**

#### **Risk-Based Decision-Making Fundamentals and Tools**

- Risk Assessment Probability of failure, consequences of failure
- Risk Management Avoidance, Mitigation
- Risk Communication

#### **Understanding and Managing Risk**

- Principles Risk Assessment
- Risk Assessment Elements
- Qualitative, Semi-quantitative, and Quantitative Assessment

### Workshop 1- Illustrative Example of Risk Assessment

#### **Risk Based Inspection (RBI)**

- Definitions
- Evolution
- Key Elements of RBI
- Reasons for implementing RBI



- Benefits and Limitations of using RBI
- RBI as a part of plant integrity management
- Economic Benefits

### **API Risk-Based Inspection Methodology**

- API RP 580
- API BRD 581 Various levels of RBI Analyses

#### Impact of RBI on Related API Codes, Standards, and Recommended Practices

- API 510, 570 and 650
- API 579 Fitness-For-Purpose

#### **API Risk Based Inspection Software**

### Workshop 2 - Q&A on API RBI Methodology

Overview of API 571 - Recognition of Conditions Causing Deterioration of Failure

# Overview of over 60 damage mechanisms found in refineries

Detailed discussion of some common damage mechanisms: Internal and

external corrosion, brittle fracture, fatigue, SCC, HIC, internal and external corrosion

### **Identification of Deterioration Mechanisms & Failure Modes**

• Active damage mechanisms in critical plant equipment



- Inactive or "unlikely" mechanisms
- Identification for assessment
- Impact of simultaneous mechanisms

## Selection of Suitable Materials for Specific Deterioration Mechanisms

## **Integrated Asset Management**

- Linking Risk Assessment, RBI, and RCM
- Managing Risk Using RBI

## Workshop 3 - Case studies involving a number of equipment damage and

#### failures, and learnings

## Development of Inspection Plan (Based on RBI Risk Ranking)

- Inspection Planning Guidance
- Need for Some Speculative / Exploratory Inspection
- RBI Implementation
  - $\circ$  Essentials for Establishing a Successful RBI Program
  - $\circ$  The RBI Team Recommended Structure and Mandate
- Developing Equipment and Piping Systems / Circuits Inventory
- Inspection History, Interpretation
  - Equipment Criticality Rating
- Equipment Data Base
  - ${\scriptstyle \circ}\,$  Shared Database by RBI and RCM
  - Importance of Data Quality
  - Computerized Maintenance Management Systems
- Workshop 4 Case Study: Risk-based categorization of equipment and failure modes



- Inspection Interval Optimization Based on Assessed Risk
- Evaluation of Inspection Results
  - Data Quality
  - Corrosion Rate Calculations
  - Remaining Life Calculations
- Fitness-For-Service Assessments
- Estimation of Consequences of Failures
- Workshop 5 Case Study Assessment of defects in critical equipment



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