

EPC Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Date: 10/9/18

Location: Virtual

Attendance: Richard Rolke, Jagdish Prajapati, David Dutschmann, Patty Summers, Bryan Thibodeaux, Muhammad Imran

Agenda;

- Anti-Trust statement - Patty-
- Review 2019 submitted abstracts
- Next meeting

Anti-Trust Statement:

“No activity of the Committee shall involve the exchange, collection or dissemination of information among competitors for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied, among competitors with regard to costs, prices or pricing methods, terms or conditions of sale, distribution, production quotas or other limitations, on either the timing, or volume of production, or sales, or allocation of territories or customers.”

Meeting Minutes:

- Reviewed anti-trust statement
- Reviewed 2019 submitted abstracts
 - o T4 543923: Dissolved Oil Removal from Ethylene Plants Quench Water –Patty updated the committee with the fact that after gathering additional information it appears this is new technology and perhaps a better fit with the Technology committee. It was transferred. Patty to reach out to that chair.
 - o T4 544151: High Temperature Hydrogen Attack – Joe provided feedback by email to the group: “There was a paper from FHR in last year’s maintenance and reliability session on the topic, covering nearly the same information this abstract indicates. The same submitting company also presented during last year’s conference and hit on their capabilities around hydrogen attack. My co-workers on the maintenance and reliability committee indicated that this paper was not submitted to them this year, and added that they would probably not be interested in it.”
 - o UOP abstract on troubleshooting CGDs including using their remote monitoring tool ARMGuard. This abstract needs to be uploaded to Confex.
- New Abstracts:
 - o Technip has agreed to do a tutorial on deCoke. Muhammad is working on an abstract and presenters
 - o It was agreed that the SpectraSensors abstract on trace moisture analyzers is interesting and should be uploaded into Confex.
 - o Nova submitted an abstract titled “Liquid Heater Upgrade for Improved Operation with Ethane Feed”. All agreed this is a solid paper and should be uploaded. (done)
- Other topics:
 - o Allan UOP followed up on the hydrate formation topic but could not locate a prior paper or expert in this area.
 - o Richard reported that Dow is preparing an abstract as a joint paper with a supplier. It should be through legal review shortly.

- David said folks within Exxon are potentially interested in presenting on their SCR technology and plant experience. We will watch for that abstract.
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- Summary:
 - With the current papers, it seems we will likely have half of the session for papers and half tutorials. The top leading papers include: Nova Liquid heater upgrade, SpectraSensors trace moisture measurements, Dow and potentially Exxon. The two tutorials will fill the latter half: UOP troubleshooting CGDs and Technip Decoke.
 - If we have too many papers, the HTH and any others may be passed to other committees.
- Set date of next Operations Committee meeting
 - Nov 8th 1:00 pm – virtual

Next meeting – November 8th, virtual

Follow-up Actions:

- Contact Technical committee re Dissolved Oil abstract – Patty
- Obtain an abstract for the DeCoke Tutorial- Muhammad
- UOP to upload their abstract – Allan H
- Pursue abstracts from Exxon (SCR) and Dow – David and Richard
- SpectraSensors to upload their abstract - Patty
- Send out agenda & meeting logistics for next meeting – Patty

EPC Schedule:

Location: Hilton Riverside, New Orleans

Sessions entered into Confex:	June 20, 2018
First Call for abstracts:	June 29, 2018
Call for abstracts closes:	Nov 12, 2018
Papers Accepted/Rejected:	Dec 14, 2018
Draft Schedule ready:	Jan 9, 2019
Online registration begins:	Jan 20, 2019
AIChE draft paper due:	Feb 21, 2019
AIChE final papers due:	Feb 25, 2019
AIChE draft slides due:	Mar 7, 2019
Conference:	Mar 31 - Apr 4, 2019

Future conferences:

2020	Houston - Hilton Americas/GRB
2021	Dallas
2022	Florida?
2023	Houston
2024	San Antonio or New Orleans

