API Recommended Practice 751
Safe Operation of Hydrofluoric Acid Alkylation Units

The refining industry has long demonstrated that HF acid alkylation units can be operated safely and responsibly. Like many industrial processes, the HF acid alkylation process presents operational risk and must be properly designed, well-maintained and operated to assure safe operation. RP 751 is an industry document that communicates proven industry practices to support the safe operation of an HF acid alkylation unit. The philosophy of this fourth edition is to build on the previous editions' base of recommendations for HF acid leak prevention, detection and mitigation with the document section topics of hazard management, operating procedures and worker protection, material inspection and maintenance, transportation and inventory control, relief and utility systems, and risk mitigation. This edition changes some previous provisions from recommendations (should) to requirements (shall) based on regulatory requirements, broad industry acceptance and proven effective industry practices along with the addition of some new recommendations and requirements. The recommendations presented in the document are those that have been found effective or those which are advised for safe operations.

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