

Only three years on from the first Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) North Western Branch conference on onshore and offshore hazards, there have been significant developments. Enough to make a second meeting in October 1995 vital if engineers are to keep on top of the subject. The developments have been in risk assessment, the technology needed for specifying safety measures and in the maintenance of those safety measures; they are all detailed in this record of the proceedings. The regulations, designers, technical innovators, risk assessors, consultants, safety and production managers all contribute information to these pages.

The technical sessions cover risk analysis and hazard assessment, emergency relief and blowdown, an examination of prevention of fire and explosion and the consequences, management of safety, human factors in safety, and the modelling of gas dispersion and explosion. They occupy a total of 45 contributions. This official European Federation of Chemical Engineering event attracted international support from the UK Health & Safety Executive, the European Process Safety Centre, the US Center for Chemical Process Safety and the UK Institution of Mechanical Engineers Process Industries Division. This timely collection is both up-to-date and authentic on hazards and their management.

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