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Preface

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Dealing with disasters becomes significantly more important in oil, gas, and petrochemical plants nowadays considering their growing number of units and plants. Working with high-pressure and temperature apparatus such as reactors, vessels, columns, heat exchangers, etc., and also pipelines utilized for transportation purposes increases incident potential in these industries. On the other hand, long-term side effects on humans and the environment are incredibly important. Problems regarding venting toxic materials in the form of wastes, dust, and gases may lead to health problems, and releasing greenhouse gases results in global warming. Therefore, a systematic procedure for figuring out, classifying, and managing crises in the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries is an essential need.

This book is a collection of chapters illustrating various disasters in the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries. This includes the effects of natural disasters such as floods, and hurricanes as well as manmade incidents including fire events, explosions, and the release of dust and toxic substances on various related units and plants. Besides, the long-term side effects on both humans and the environment resulted from these industries are presented. Problems such as releasing wastes and venting gases into the environment, pollution from oil, gas, and petrochemical industries, and challenges from overusing natural resources and producing noise pollutants are discussed in detail.

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