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Refining 101 (Non-Technical)

Presented by Energy Management Institute
April 29-30, 2014 | Norris Conference Center | Houston, TX



*Understand refining and its impact on the energy marketplace as you examine one of the **FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS** of the petroleum industry.*



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What You Will Learn

The refinery is at the center of the petroleum industry, linking all upstream and downstream activities. The refinery provides the key conversions from crude oil and other feedstocks into an array of petroleum products needed by the energy marketplace. This course presents a “low-to-mid-tech” view of the basics of petroleum refining, the processing units that make up typical refining configurations in world markets, and the key factors comprising the economic “drivers” of refinery operations.

There are about 150 operating refineries in the U.S., and their technology, processes, and market significance vary widely. EMI will guide you through each complex refining stage along the way to distill diverse crude grades into a host of refined products from gasoline to residual products.

The key processing operations involved in a refinery will be discussed. We'll apply just enough “chemistry” to understand the “big picture” of what conversions are taking place and why. You will also learn how value is added in the refinery, and you'll learn about the derivation of “relative value” among the various crude oil and feedstock choices in the global marketplace.

Topics covered include:

- Crude oil characteristics
- Oil sands production
- Refinery types and degrees of complexity
- Distillation (atmospheric and vacuum)
- Cracking (thermal and catalytic)
- Hydrogen treatment
- Alteration (such as Catalytic Reforming and Isomerization)
- Unification (such as Alkylation and Polymerization)
- Gas treatment
- Hydrogen production
- Primary product pools
- Alternative energy sources
- Blending operations and primary product pools

Who Should Attend

New employees, or those newly assigned to responsibilities in the various aspects of the petroleum industry would find this course very helpful in understanding the role of the operating units and how these units fit together to efficiently produce a wide array of products. For example schedulers and pipeline personnel and those assigned in Upstream, Mid-Stream, Marketing, Tax, Legal, and Information Technology functions typically have little or no knowledge of the refinery, which is one of the fundamental building blocks of the petroleum industry.

Course Times

8am - 4pm, April 29
8am - 4pm, April 30

Venue Location

Norris Conference Center
Houston/City Centre I/
10 Katy Freeway Area
803 Town and Country Lane
Houston, Texas 77024
713.590.0950

Recommended hotels on registration form.

Registration Fees

1st delegate: \$1,995
2nd delegate: \$1,795
3rd delegate: \$1,600

Fee includes full course, expert instruction, course materials, continental breakfast & lunch.

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Course Content

- We'll thoroughly explain separation processes such as atmospheric and vacuum distillation.
- We'll have an entire section on the cracking processes including thermal (steam and coking) as well as catalytic cracking (FCCU and hydrocracking).
- We'll closely examine the opposite of the cracking process with unification processes (alkylation and polymerization) and alteration processes (catalytic reforming and isomerization).
- We'll look at chemical processes such as desalting, hydrotreating, and solvent recovery.
- We'll cover specifications as set by the EPA and ASTM, and you'll understand how refineries have adapted to produce new boutique gasolines and how they will deal with even tougher mandates involving highway diesel.
- We'll study the components including: Steam generation, water treatment, pumps, valves, pressure relief systems, and safety procedures.
- You will understand the impact of how refinery turn-arounds, fires, and unscheduled maintenance can pressure market volatility, price and upset supply balance.
- We'll delve into North American and world refinery capacity, utilization, and yields. See how long-term demand might outstrip capacity. Explore the need for global refinery growth.
- Finally examine some alternative energy sources as well as refinery margins and how the fundamentals drive the overall economic strategy of integrated oil companies.

CPE Credits



This course earns 12 CPE credits. EMI awards credit hours towards CPE and Certified Purchasing Manager status (CPM).

Learn From The Best!

Russ Mehl has over 45 years of experience in the petroleum industry. He has worked in refinery operations, in the refinery laboratory, and as a process engineer. He has been the manager of petroleum supply and distribution for a Fortune 200 company. He is also an accountant and has experience in economic research, financial analysis, and as Director of the Budget. He received a national award for an article published in an accounting journal.

Russ has taught college classes in Finance and Accounting as well as Strategic Planning. He is also active in civic affairs in Kansas City and has served as Chairman of the Board for a number of agencies. He is an accomplished photographer having numerous pictures appearing on magazine covers and in books.



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Course Syllabus: DAY ONE

Session 1: Context and History of Refining

Why are all eyes focused on the refinery sector? Why has there been a considerable amount of consolidation in this sector? Is there a shortage of refining capacity? What expansions and new refineries are on tap? What is on the horizon? How is the refining sector impacting energy price? Let's get started by looking back to set the stage followed by a look into the future of this ever evolving sector of the energy industry.

Session 2: Crude Oil

Crude oil is the life blood of a refinery. The most efficient and profitable way to run a refinery is based on which crude oils are processed. How was crude oil formed? What is in crude oil? How are crude oils classified? We will also look at the Canadian synthetic crude and who imports and exports crude oil.

Session 3: Overview of Products and Refining Operations

This section will explain what a refinery is. It will take an in-depth look at the products produced and their specifications. The session will offer a macro overview of the major refinery operations and how they fit together. We will discuss the various complexity categories and take a look at the Nelson Complexity Index.

Session 4: Petroleum Chemistry

This session will not be a substitute for an advanced chemistry course, rather it will introduce all of the necessary jargon and relationships related to the organic chemistry of hydrocarbons. We will also take a brief look at alcohols, sulfur compounds and amines as they relate to the refining process. This section is a very important primer which will be helpful in understanding the many chemical conversion processes discussed in the remainder of the program.

Session 5: The Refinery Distillation Process

This session will delve into the atmospheric and vacuum distillation processes. This is the first step in the refinery process, after desalting the crude oil. We will discuss the ever important process of separating crude oil into a number of important fractions. Although this is not the most complicated process in a refinery, it is where it all begins.

Session 6: The Refinery Cracking Process

Cracking of hydrocarbons is one of the more important processes in a refinery. The cracking process relies on process of rearranging or breaking down complex hydrocarbons into lighter more valuable hydrocarbons. This session will discuss catalytic cracking, hydrocracking and thermal cracking. We will discuss the details of each of these processes as well as the feedstock and end result product characteristics.



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Course Syllabus: DAY TWO

Session 1: Conversion and Chemical Treatment

Gasoline has historically been the petroleum product of choice in the marketplace. We will see how engineers addressed the need for increased quantities of high octane gasoline with the development of such processes as alkylation, polymerization, catalytic reforming, and isomerization. However, diesel fuel is rapidly taking on an increased importance. We will see how refiners are addressing that change. In the early 70's the world was focused on getting the lead out of gasoline, but in today's world the industry is focused on getting the sulfur out of all oil products. Hydrotreating of oil has never been more important.

Session 2: Refinery Gas Plants

This session will delve into the operations of both the Saturated and Unsaturated Gas Plant operations. We will discuss how the Saturate (sat) gas plants separate refinery gas components including butanes for alkylation, pentanes for gasoline blending, LPG's for fuel, and ethane for petrochemicals. Because sat gas processes depend on the feedstock and product demand, each refinery uses different systems, usually absorption-fractionation or straight fractionation. In addition the session will review how the Unsaturated (unsat) gas plants recover light hydrocarbons (C3 and C4 olefins) from wet gas streams from the FCC, TCC, and delayed coker overhead accumulators or fractionation receivers.

Session 3: Product Blending, Distribution, and Economics

Once the refiner accumulates all of the various components how do they get it into usable, marketable products? How is it done and how do economics and government mandated specification intermix? This discussion will lead to the second part of this session regarding the valuation of crude oil. We will discuss crude oil netbacks, refinery optimization using linear programming models and how refiners ultimately select the optimum slate of feedstock's to maximize the profit of the oil products sold from the refinery.

Session 4: Other Processes

There are other less known but important processes done on the refinery. This section will look at sweetening and treating, asphalt production, hydrogen production, and lubricant, wax, and grease manufacturing. In addition, we will look at some other operations such as heating and cooling, steam production, and the important subject of water treatment. Much equipment is used on refineries and we will examine the need for compressors, turbines, pumps, valves and piping and why refiners have moved toward standardization of parts. We will also examine the need for pressure relief systems (including the often misunderstood nature of flaring) and the constantly critical subject of plant safety.

Session 5: Refinery Turnarounds

During the past few years the refining system in both the US and elsewhere went through a very difficult period with many unscheduled shut downs adding to a relatively aggressive schedule of planned maintenance turnarounds. This session will delve into the ramifications of various types of unit shut downs and how they each impact the total refinery operations and how they get interpreted by the marketplace. Let's also take a look at some of the programs on the schedule for the future.

Session 6: Industry Overview

The session will delve into every aspect of this dynamic and evolving segment of the world's economies. How will alternative energy sources affect the petroleum industry? Why are energy prices where they are? History will help understand the reason. What are causes for high prices and what are simply symptoms? Why are Geopolitics and security of supply so important today and significantly less important just 10 years ago? What is the energy price model and what does that mean for the next few years? This session will delve into the major market drivers with a detailed description as to what to expect going forward. This session will help identify the risks and challenges facing the refining sector.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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\$1,995 for full program

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Discount for Additional Attendees

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