



# 14<sup>th</sup> Chemical Process Safety Sharing (CPSS)

## Topic: PSE Tier 1 Prevention via Maintenance and Reliability

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# *PSE Tier 1 Prevention via Maintenance and Reliability*

*Experience Sharing Case Water Column Severe Corrosion  
Effect to Mechanical Integrity and How to Manage the Risk*



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- 2 Chronology
- 3 Finding & Correction
- 4 Root Cause Failure Analysis
- 5 Solution & Optional
- 6 Risk Monitoring
- 7 Fabrication & Construction
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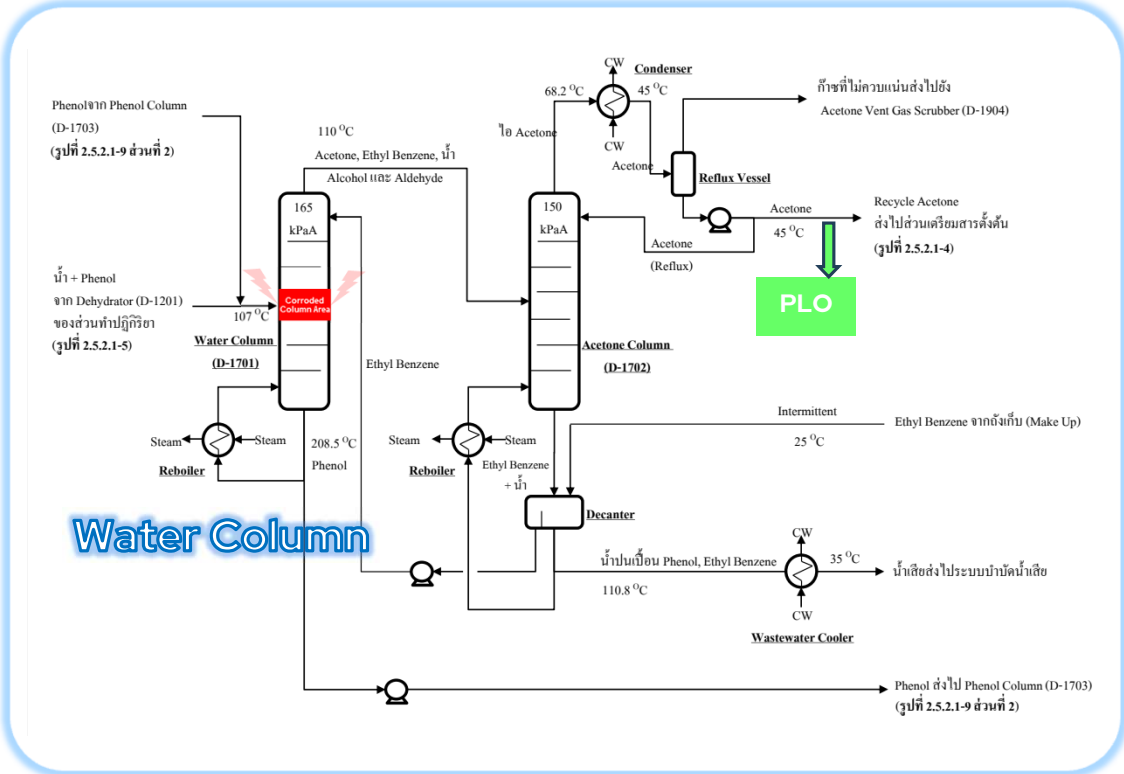
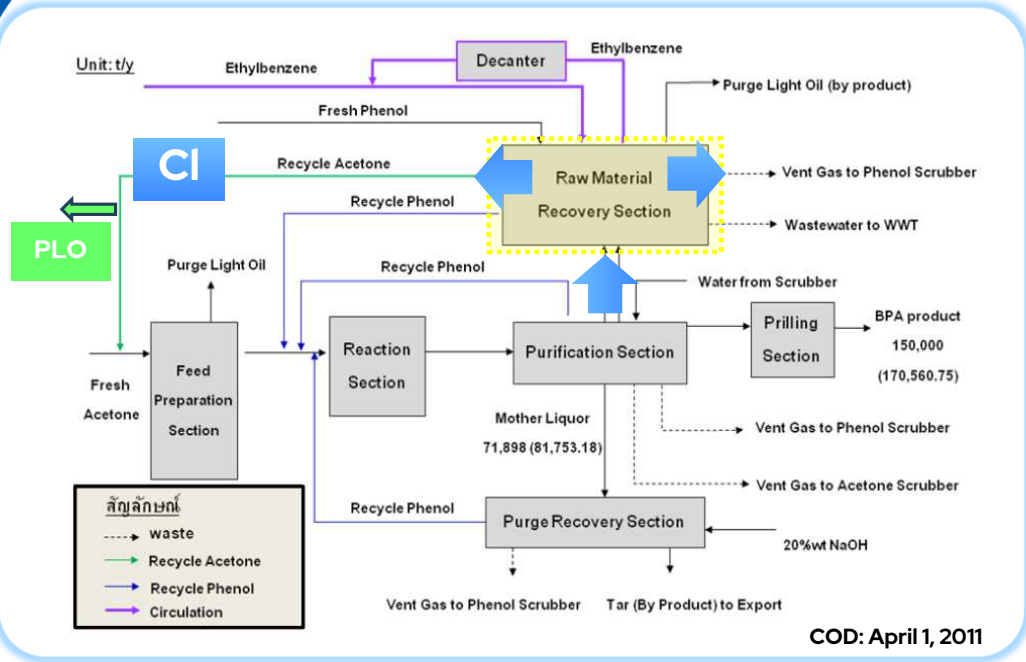


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# Process Overview



>> **Mechanical Design** ○ **Water Column : Remove water & acetone from Phenol**

Equipment	DESIGN CODE	Design Pressure (kPaG)	Operate Pressure (kPaA)	Design Temperature (°C)	Operate Temperature (°C)	MATERIALS	Stress Relieved
Water Column	ASME SEC VIII DIV.1, 2024 ED	280 / F.V.	TOP : 165 BTM : 199	230	TOP : 110 BTM : 209	TOP : SUS 836L BTM : A240 316L	SHELL : NO HEAD : YES



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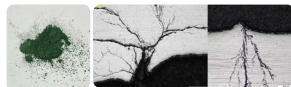
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# Chronology

- **Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA)** : Chloride stress corrosion cracking due to reduced light oil purging.
- **Improvement** : Identified missing processes, recommended new column fabrication and upgrades.
- **Set-up Inspection Monitoring Plan** : Monthly Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) revealed crack growth.

- **Support Installation** : Added external temporary support, inspected coating, and wrapped cracks.
- **Crack Stability** : Monitored cracks, ensuring they remained within acceptable limits.



**AFTER TA 22**

**Actions After Turnaround**  
Set-up  
Mitigation Action and Way forward

**2022 (Sep)**

**Found  
Crack no. 5  
depth Growth**



**Mini-SD 23**

**Further Mitigation**  
Mini-SD Aug 23  
Additional Temporary Support

**2023 (Aug)**

**Final Outcome :**

- **Corrective Actions** : New column fabrication and upgrade from tray 28 to tray 41.
- **Result** : Ensured planned risk management and operational integrity, with the new column successfully installed by May 2024.

**2022 (Aug)**

**Initial Findings and Actions**  
Problem Issues:  
Severe corrosion and Cracks

**TA 22**

Inspection history before TA2022

- **Finding** : Normal condition.

Inspection finding in TA2022

- **Finding** : Severe corrosion and Cracks
- **Repairs** : Replaced trays, applied corrosion protection, and marked cracks for monitoring. (Thermal Spray, External Wrapping)

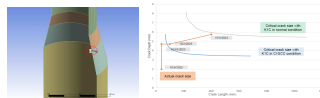


**2023 (May)**

**Monitoring Findings and Actions**  
Crack Issues: Severe corrosion and cracks found in a column.

**ON-STREAM PERIOD 23**

- **Risk Finding**  
Crack depth to nearly critical crack size.
- **Risk Assessment & Mitigation Action** : Evaluated cracks API RP 579, Part 9 Fitness-for-Service level 3.
- **On-going Monitoring** : Monthly PAUT revealed crack growth.



**Continue PAUT for monitor the crack.**

- **Crack status** : Cracks was stable after addition temporary support.



**2024 (May)**

**Final Corrective Actions**  
New Column Replacement

**SD 24**

**Column Replacement (2024) :**

- **Site Preparation** : Addressed heavy lifting space constraints, soil tests, and scaffolding.
- **Objectives Achieved** : Successfully replaced the column with attention to safety, quality, cost, and scheduling.





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# Column Damaged Appearance (during T/A 22)

>> Cl accumulation in system

High HCl (Acid)

corrosion

Column Corrosion



Water Column



1 Tray corroded/damaged



2 Green corrosion product



3 Localized corrosion

Acid is suspected to be a cause



4 Pitting & Cracking (SCC with branch)



Chloride species are suspected to be a cause

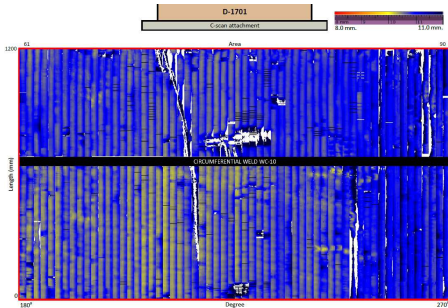


# Inspection Evaluation and Decision Making (during T/A 22)

## Metal loss

### Thickness measurement by Corrosion mapping

- Minimum thickness is 9.61 mm [10 mm]



## Cracking

### Crack size measurement by Phase array ultrasonic testing

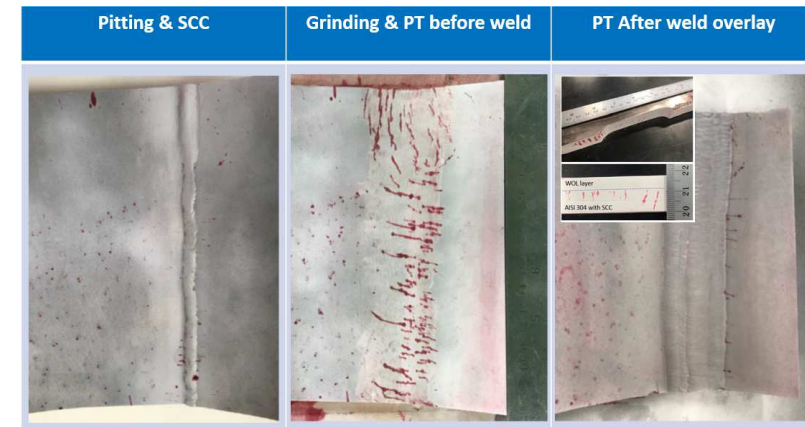
- WC-10 was founded many cracks.
- Maximum crack depth is 4.71 mm

Unit No.	Thickness (mm)	Top Width (mm)	Indication No.	Indic. Offc. (mm)	Type of Indication	Details of superposition										Event status	Evaluation	Result
						Distance		Depth (mm)		Length (mm)		Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )		Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> )				
						N-Line	S-Line	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA	100% TSA			
10	15	1	Meas1	Surfice	-37	30	2.00	21.00	1.00	21.00	8.00	1.00	21.00	1.00	21.00	N	SCC	N/A
10	15	2	Meas1	Surfice	-8	89	2.76	20.00	1.00	20.00	6.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	Y	SCC/TSA	N/A
10	15	3	Meas1	Surfice	-8	89	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	8.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC/TSA	N/A
10	15	4	Meas1	Surfice	-8	120	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	6.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC/TSA	N/A
10	15	5	Meas1	Surfice	-8	140	2.00	40.00	1.00	40.00	1.20	1.00	40.00	1.00	40.00	Y	SCC	N/A
10	15	6	Meas1	Surfice	-22	210	1.50	20.00	1.50	20.00	0.50	1.50	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC	N/A
10	15	7	Meas1	Surfice	-8	270	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	8.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC	N/A
10	15	8	Meas1	Surfice	-8	300	2.00	20.00	2.00	20.00	8.00	2.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC	N/A
10	15	9	Meas1	Surfice	-8	340	1.00	15.00	1.00	15.00	6.00	1.00	15.00	1.00	15.00	Y	SCC	N/A
10	15	10	Meas1	Surfice	-45	350	1.50	15.00	1.50	15.00	0.50	1.50	15.00	1.00	15.00	N	SCC	N/A
10	15	11	Meas1	Surfice	-22	370	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	8.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC/TSA	N/A
10	15	12	Meas1	Surfice	-320	450	2.00	20.00	2.00	20.00	8.00	2.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	N	SCC/TSA	N/A
10	15	13	Meas1	Surfice	-8	450	2.00	15.00	2.00	15.00	8.00	2.00	15.00	1.00	15.00	N	SCC/TSA	N/A

## Repairing Method (Optional)

GC specialists had recommended method in repairing based on experience and confirm with simulation welding & griding on SCC sample work piece.

- Heat input from welding generate existing crack growth and small pitting.



## Judgement Criteria

### To operate

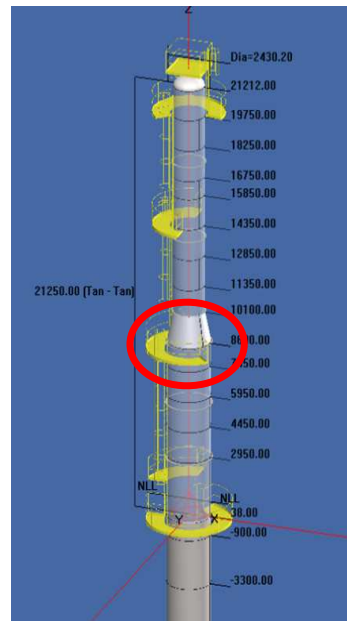
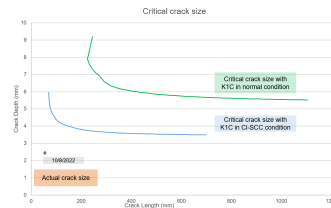
#### Metal loss

- The minimum shell section thickness requires **3.86 mm at the conical transition section.**

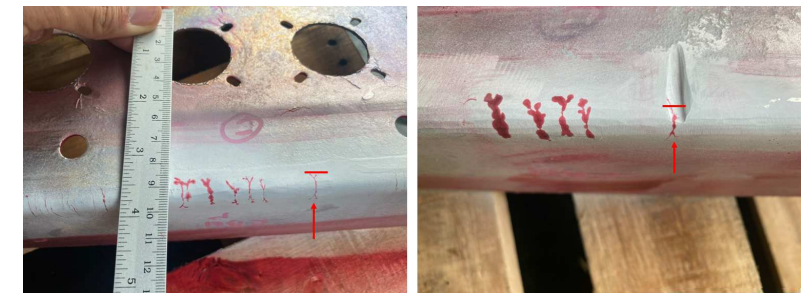
\*\* Included Internal pressure and wind load

#### Cracking

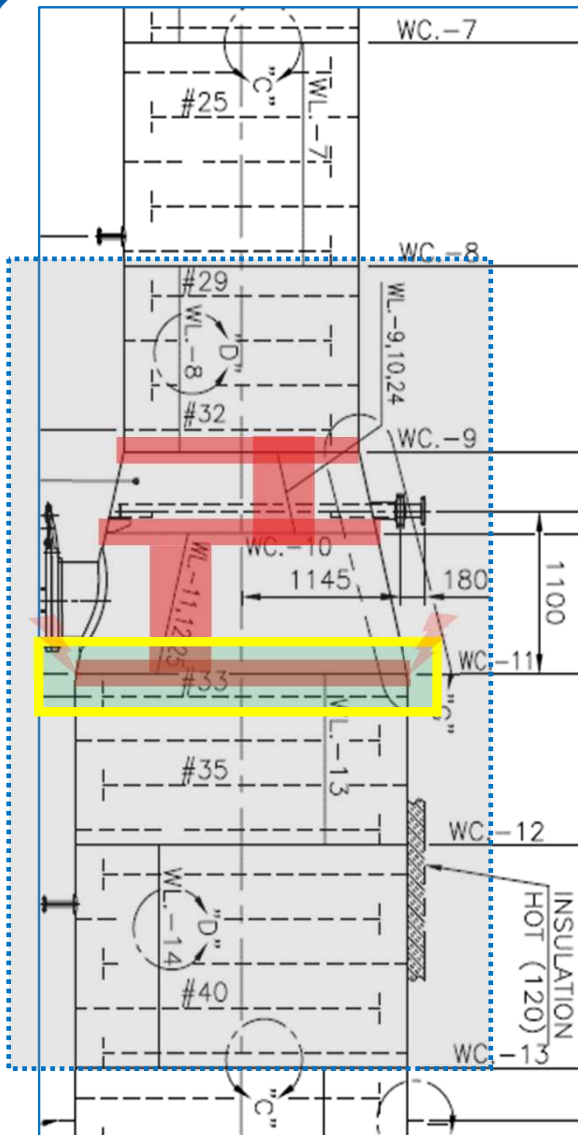
- The maximum crack (depth) shall be less than **Critical crack size**



- Griding induced crack propagation.

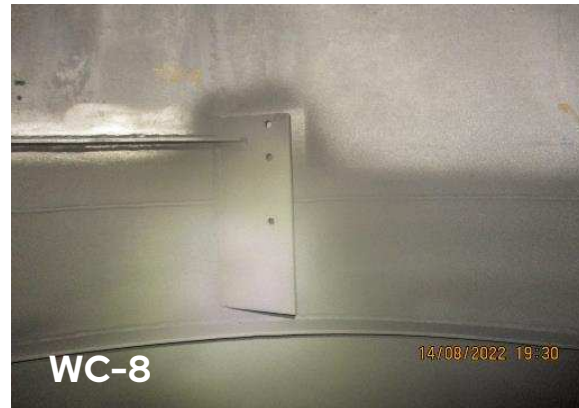


# Mitigation Actions (during BPA T/A 22)



## 1 Corrosion protection barrier → **Internal Thermal spray**

- Thermal spray with C276 on internal shell at WC-8 to WC-13



## 2 Double protection for personal safety → **External Wrapping**

- At WC-11 (contains cracks)



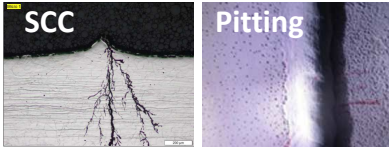


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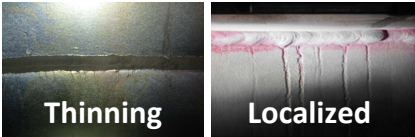
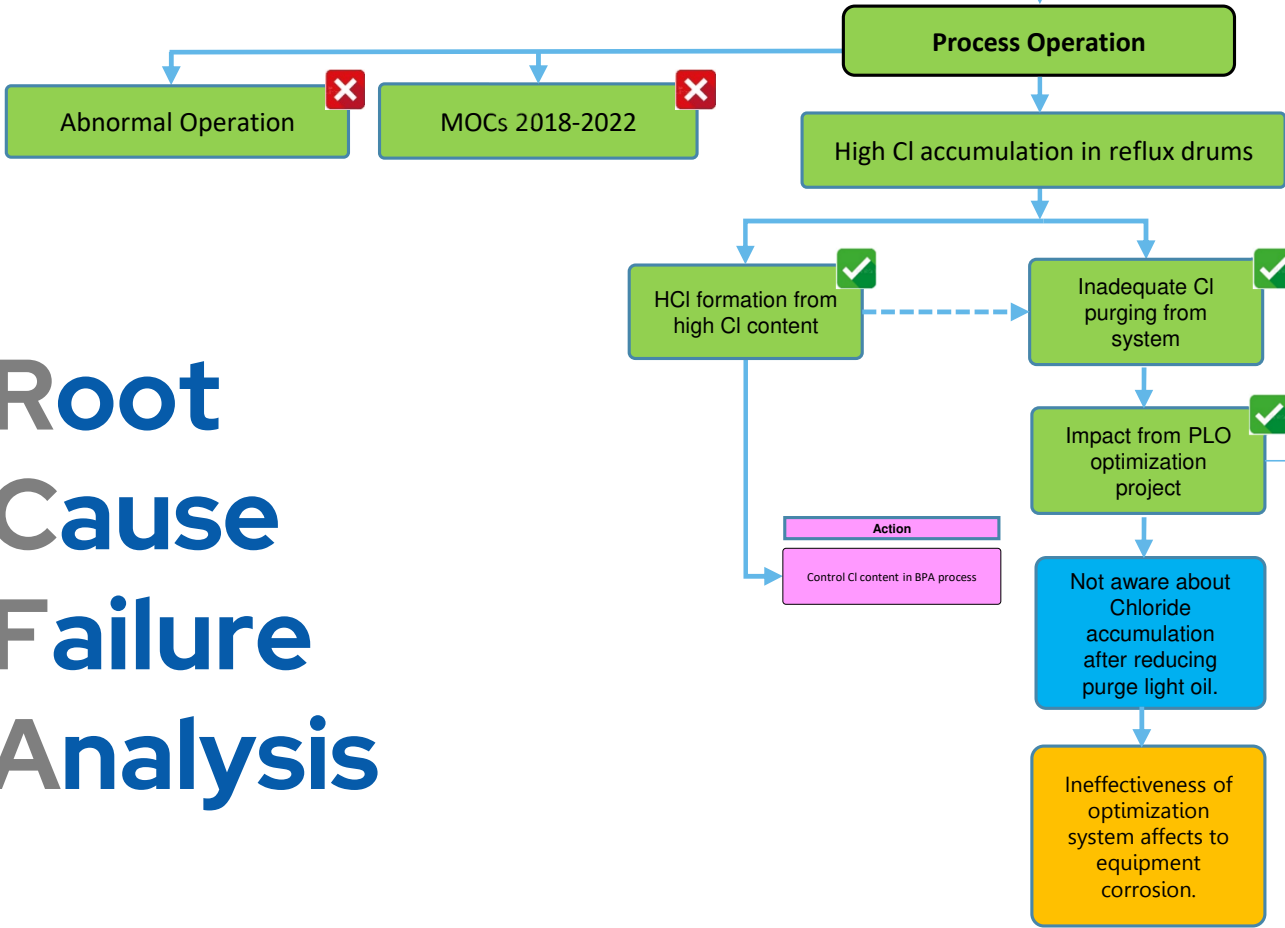
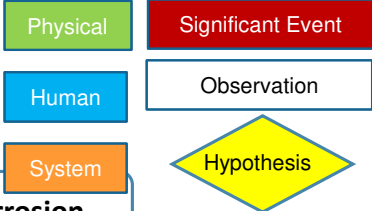
Chloride (Key factor for Cl cracking)



**Tray and Column Damaged (By inspection in T/A Aug.22)**

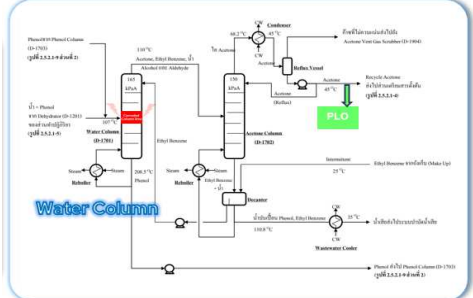
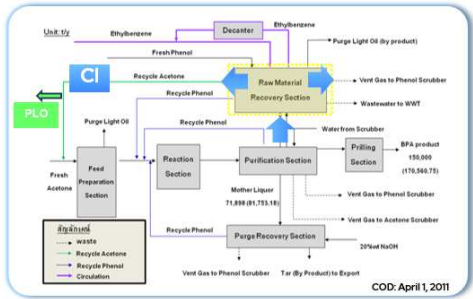
**1 Stress Corrosion Cracking and Pitting Corrosion**

**2 Thinning and Localized Corrosion**



From Non-oxidizing acid (such as diluted sulfuric acid, HCl, sulfurous acid, etc.)

- Action**
- TK-1251/TK-1351 pH monitoring during S/D & S/U
- Monitor acid and balance acid purge to prevent accumulation
- Confirm limitation of acidity conc [pH] to not impact D-1701 material
- Lab Analysis on pH value for trend



# Root Cause Failure Analysis



# Strengthen Chloride Awareness

## 1 Operating Guideline: Control Methanol & Chloride content in process

OPERATING GUIDELINE FORM	
L-(PH-P2-TE)-OPG-ISBL-38	
Revision : 01	
Date : 14 Mar 2023	
Prepared by : Paikoom P.	
Control Methanol & Chloride Content in Process	

**1) ที่มาและความสำคัญ (Background)**  
 หนึ่งในสาเหตุที่ก่อให้เกิดปัญหาของ S/D BPA plant เชื่อกันว่าเกิดจาก catalyst performance ที่ main reactor R-1201A/B ลดลงเร็วกว่าที่คาดการณ์ไว้ ซึ่งสาเหตุหลักจะเกิดจาก catalyst poisoning จาก methanol content ที่เข้า reactor โดย methanol มาจากทั้ง Feed acetone ที่ TK-1111 รวมถึง recycle acetone ที่มาจาก TK-1701

→ Poisoning

1. Methanol, Aldehydes and other alcohols in acetone

Effect that group

Base

Permanent deactivate, Cannot recovery

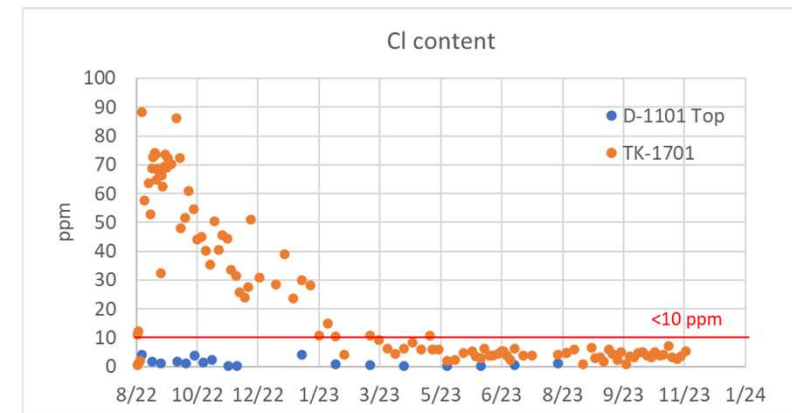
นอกจากนี้จากปัญหา equipment damage จาก corrosion ที่เกิดจากการสะสมของ Chloride ใน process และเพิ่มความเสี่ยงของ material ที่ D-1702, D-1701, E-1705 จึงต้องมีการเพิ่ม purge Cl ที่ TK-1701 เพื่อป้องกันไม่ให้เกิดการสะสมของ Cl ในระบบ ซึ่งอาจนำไปสู่ equipment damage from corrosion

## 2 Raise awareness about MOC system

บันทึกการฝึกอบรม ภายนอก และ สื่อความภายใน				
ชื่อทีมหรือคณะกรรมการ : (HS, Noddy) - Weekly Summary Table for Action of Incident (Plant : PH-P2)				
วัตถุประสงค์ : ให้ความรู้แก่ผู้เกี่ยวข้องเกี่ยวกับเหตุการณ์ และ ให้ดำเนินการตามขั้นตอนการดำเนินงาน				
Serial	ID.no	รายชื่อ	วันที่	หมายเหตุ
A			สายสัมพันธ์	วันที่
B				

## 3 Training by T-II-MC about SCC and Corrosion

## 4 Parameters under condition monitoring : Cl Content



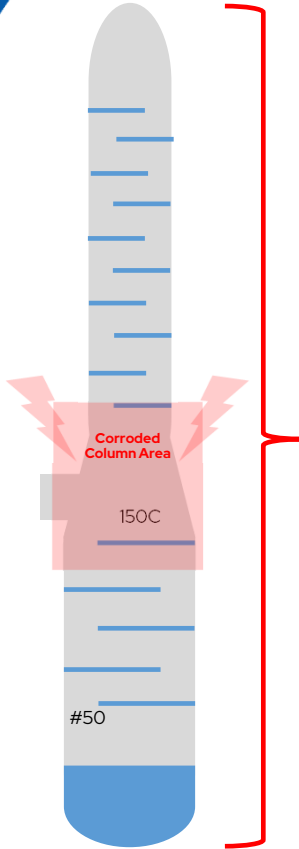
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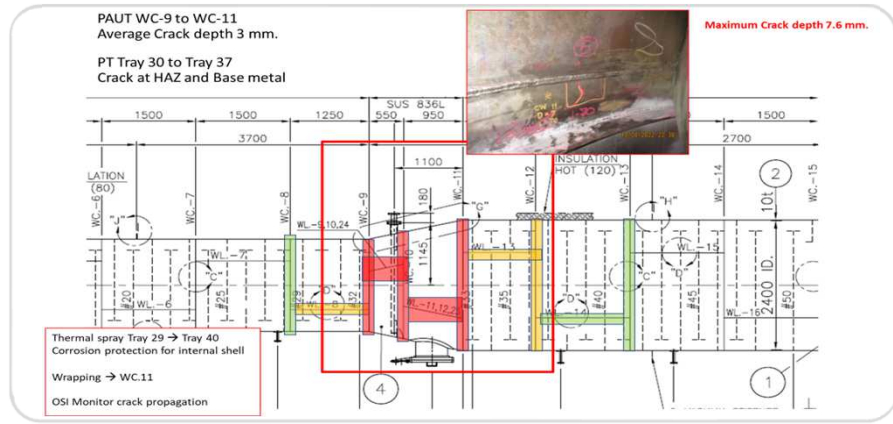


# Alternative Solution for Water Column

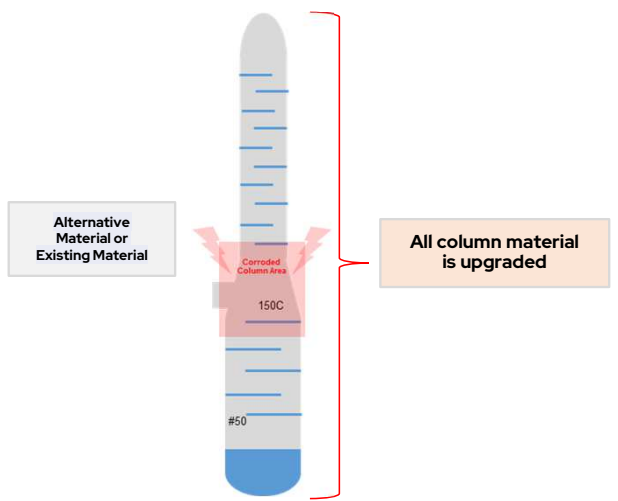


Priority Option	Upgrade Material	Material	Chloride stress corrosion cracking resistance	Pitting Resistance	Corrosion resistance in HCl service	Corrosion resistance in H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Remark
1	Hastelloy C-2000 <i>(Nickel base alloy)</i>	Hastelloy C-2000 <b>(Nickel base alloy)</b>	**Nearly immune (Ni > 45 %)	<b>Best</b> *PREN No. = ~ 80 (Superior to Hastelloy C-276)	<b>Better</b> (At concentration < 15 %, CR is five times less than Hastelloy C-276 )	<b>Better</b> (CR is five times less than Hastelloy C-276)	Nickel base alloy offer much better resistance over a wide range of acid concentrations and temperature. However even these may be subjected to localized attack under certain conditions.
2	Hastelloy C-276 <i>(Nickel base alloy)</i>	Hastelloy C-276 <b>(Nickel base alloy)</b>	**Nearly immune (Ni > 45 %)	<b>Better</b> *PREN No. = ~ 75 (Superior to Inconel 625)	<b>Good</b> (At concentration < 20 %, CR is five times less than Inconel 625)	<b>Good</b> (At concentration > 50%, CR is five times less than Inconel 625)	
3	Inconel 625 <i>(Nickel base alloy)</i>	Inconel 625 <b>(Nickel base alloy)</b>	**Nearly immune (Ni > 45 %)	<b>Good</b> *PREN No. = ~ 51 (Superior to Alloy 836L)	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	Inconel 625 = existing weldment of D-1701 (ERNiCrMo-3). Corrosion was found at some area of weldment.
4 <i>Original Design</i>	Alloy 836L <i>(Super Austenitic stainless steel)</i>	Alloy 836L <b>(Super Austenitic stainless steel)</b>	<b>Susceptible</b> (Ni = 24 %)	*PREN No. = ~ 47	<b>Corrosion resistance of super austenitic stainless steel is lower than nickel base alloy</b>		
5 <i>Optimize</i>	<b>Alloy 836L + C-276</b> <i>(Upgrade Area : Tray 28 - 41 &amp; WC8 - WC13)</i>						

- Selection Column material upgraded
- Alternative Material or Existing Material

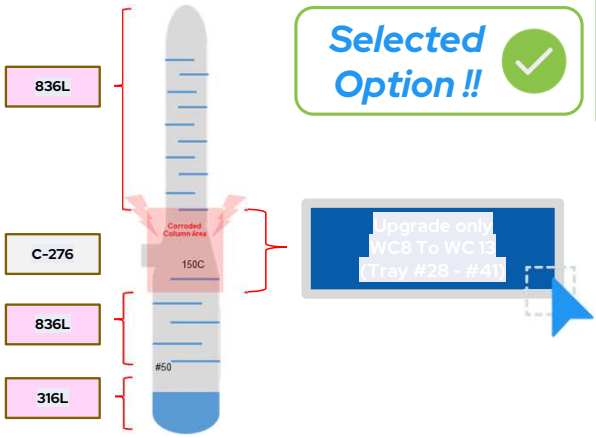


# Alternative Solution for Water Column



Priority Option	Upgrade Material	Estimated Cost- Column + Tray & Internal Parts (Price MB)	Delivery Time(Months)
1	Hastelloy C-2000 (Nickel base alloy)	(1) ↑	<b>17 Months (Material 12 Months)</b> Procurement 5 months (Nov22 - Mar23)   Engineering & Fabrication 17 months (Apr23 - Sep24)   Construction 21 Days (Oct24)
2	Hastelloy C-276 (Nickel base alloy)	(2) ↗	<b>17 Months (Material 12 Months)</b> Procurement 5 months (Nov22 - Mar23)   Engineering & Fabrication 17 months (Apr23 - Sep24)   Construction 21 Days (Oct24)
3	Inconel 625 (Nickel base alloy)	(3) →	<b>14 Months (Material 9 Months)</b> Procurement 5 months (Nov22 - Mar23)   Engineering & Fabrication 14 months (Apr23 - Jun24)   Construction 21 Days (Jul24)
4 <i>Original Design</i>	Alloy 836L (Super Austenitic stainless steel)	(4) ↘	<b>13 Months (Material 8 Months)</b> Procurement 5 months (Nov22 - Mar23)   Engineering & Fabrication 13 months (Apr23 - May24)   Construction 21 Days (Jun24)
5 <i>Optimize</i>	<b>Alloy 836L + C-276</b> (Upgrade Area : Tray 28 - 41 & WC8 - WC13)	(5) ↓	<b>17 Months (Material 12 Months)</b> Procurement 5 months (Nov22 - Mar23)   Engineering & Fabrication 17 months (Apr23 - Sep24)   Construction 21 Days (Oct24)

**Selected Option !!** ✓



(1) - (5)  
Minimum 100 MB up !



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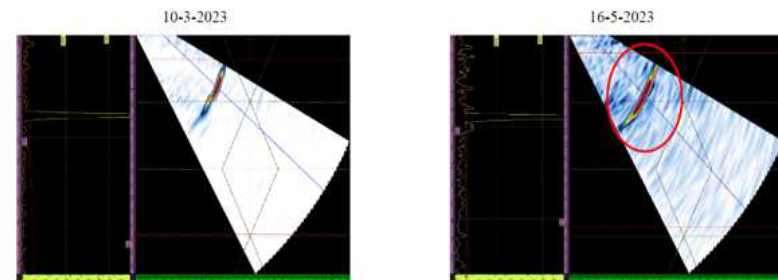
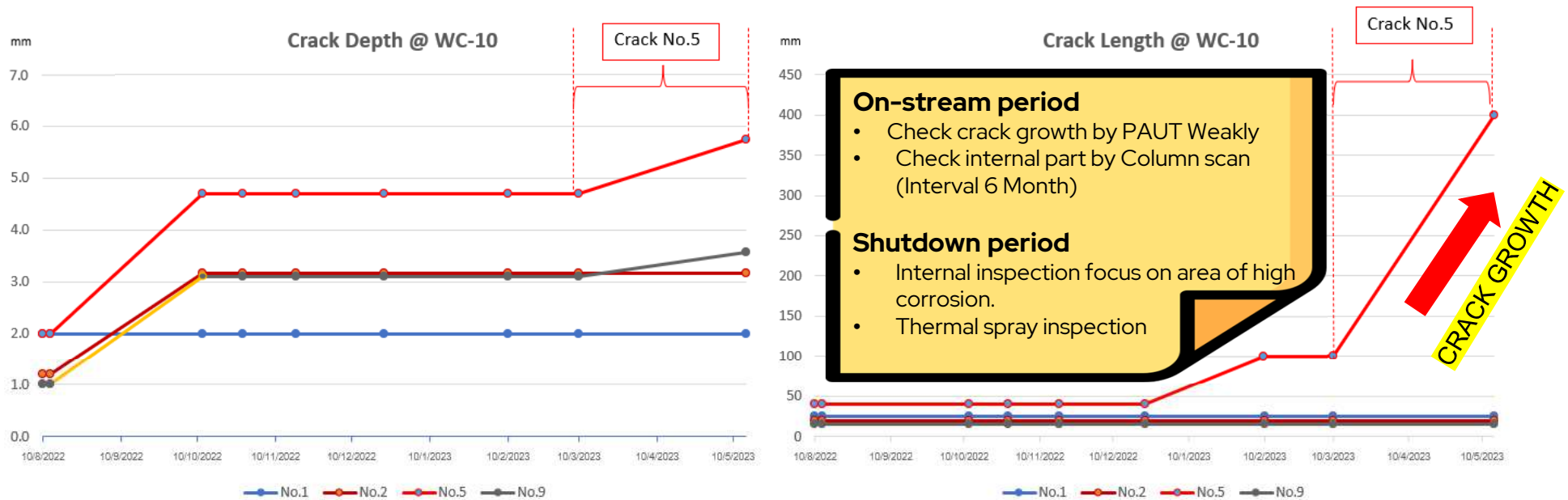
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# Risk Monitoring & Crack depth growth

## Inspection Monitor during OSI 2023 for D-1701

Updated on 23-May-23



PHASED ARRAY ULTRASONIC TESTING SIGNAL OF WC-10 INDICATION NO.5

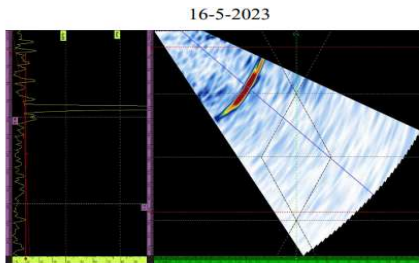
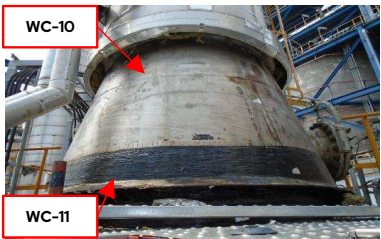


# Risk Monitoring & Risk Mitigation

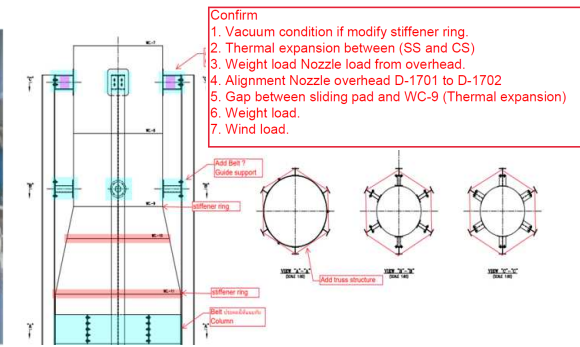
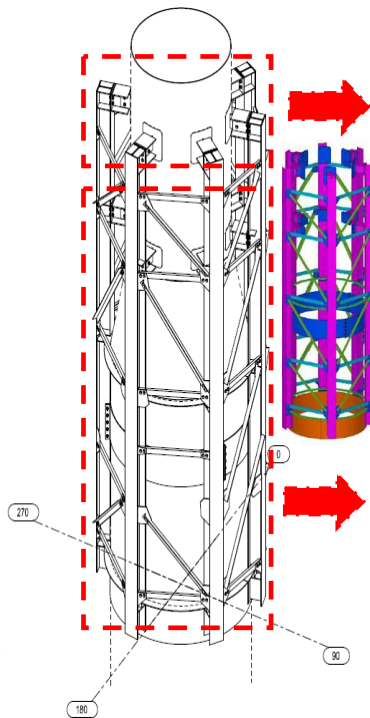
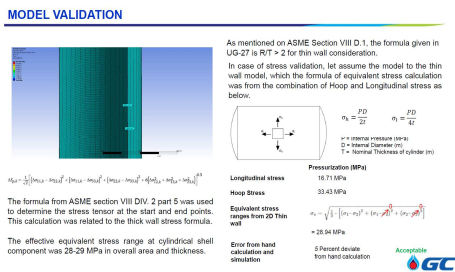
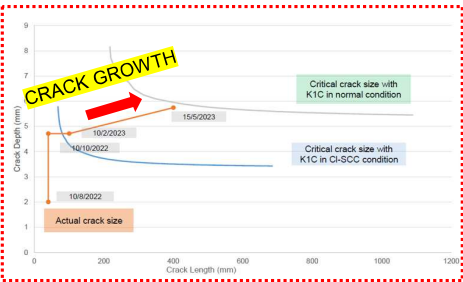
After 1 year of operating the distillation tower D-1701, it was found that the crack size at WC-10 exceeded the critical crack size based on the Fitness-for-Service (FFS) assessment.



-> Risk Mitigation by applying & installation the temporary support, external wrapping.



1. Phase array UT to monitor the cracks found some point were growth



2. Fitness for service applied to evaluate the condition By Corrosion Engineer PTTGC

3. D-1701 temporary support, external wrapping - Protect column collapse

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# RISK ASSESSMENT

- Risk Assessment workshop was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb.
- The Risk Migration task will be followed up and close before execution. Below is a high severity risk from the assessment.

8	Construction					
a	Delay to complete dismantle and re-install for related component (D-1701, structure, Piping, E&I) in T/A period.	C/T/Q	2	5	M	Set up project schedule to follow up progress with plan. Hiring experienced subcontractor to execute and 2 shifts shall considered.
b	New internal tray of D-1701 cannot install on new column D-1701.	C/T/Q	2	5	M	Review and comment vendor print from vendor to follow with new column layout.  Re-check dimension at Vendor workshop before delivery to site.
c	New internal tray of D-1701 installation incorrect layout and may effect to performance of process.	C/T/Q	2	5	M	Review and comment vendor print from vendor to follow with existing internal tray layout and hiring vendor inspector to inspect and accept at site when installation.
d	Laydown area for new column D-1701 nearly with existing location to prevent more lifting and transportation.	C/T	2	3	M	Clarify and request Owner for laydown all equipment on road in front of existing location.
e	Existing road cannot carry load from heavy lifting.	C/T/Q	2	3	M	Site survey and prepare lifting plan.  Confirm calculation for existing road and related paving with operation load.  Compact area with gravel and crane base plate for temporary lifting area.
f	New D-1701 transportation on obstruction.	C/T	2	3	M	Transportation survey and prepare procedure.
g	Dismantle existing column D-1701 with safe condition.	C/T/Q	2	5	M	Intent to review method statement of works and confirm calculation with weld existing support structure to existing column D-1701 to ensure that column not failure from existing crack point.  Confirm calculation for lifting lug, new lug maybe required.  Protect internal part drop from existing D-1701 while lifting.
h	New column D-1701 cannot install on existing bolting layout foundation and lost time to prepare new padding.	C/T/Q	2	5	M	Review existing MDR to ensure existing bolting layout match with as-built drawing layout.  Verify at site by demolish some part of fire proof to ensure sizing and layout match with as-built drawing layout.  Prepare JMS, materials, manpower, machine and other required for shipping existing concrete padding and prepare new padding with leveling.  Select suitable grouting concrete grade (24hr for curing time) to prepare new padding for reduce curing time of concrete.  In case of as found existing foundation damaged, suitable concrete grade (24hr for curing time), form work shall prepared.



# New column & Tray Fabrication (Replacement Project)



Top head Fit-up



Shell nozzle fit-up / welding



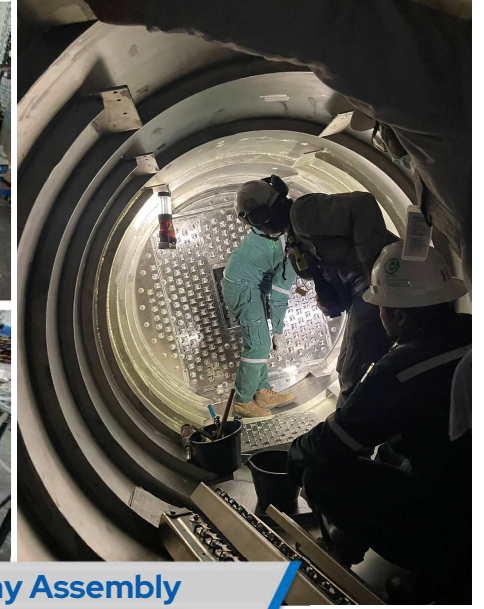
Tray support welding



Foundation Plate



Tray Assembly



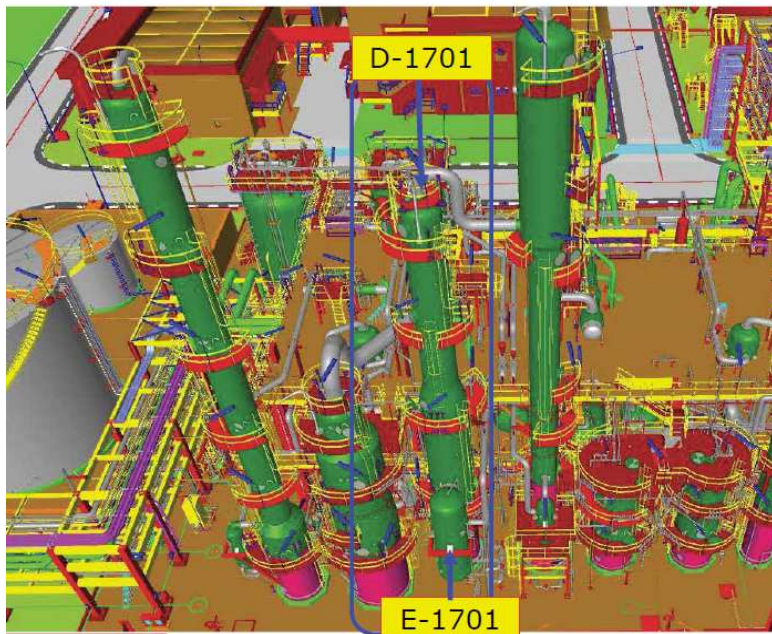


# COLUMN REPLACEMENT METHOD [1/5]

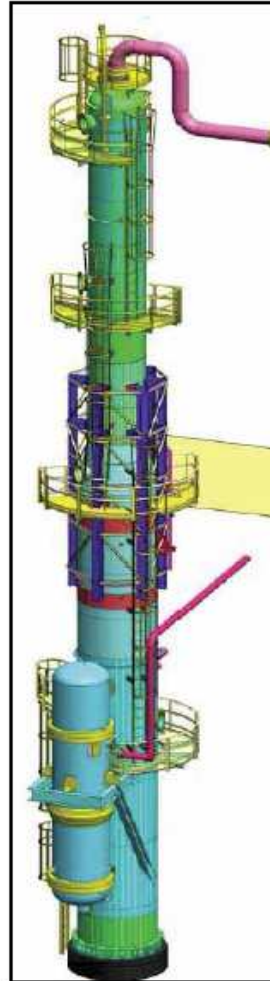


## WATER COLUMN

- Design Pressure : 280 kPaG. / FV.
- Diameter : 1700 x 2400 mm.
- Material (Top/Bottom) : SUS 836L / SS316L
- Height : 21,250 + 7,000 (Skirt)
- Total Weight : 23.35 T.
- Internal Trays : #1 - #50



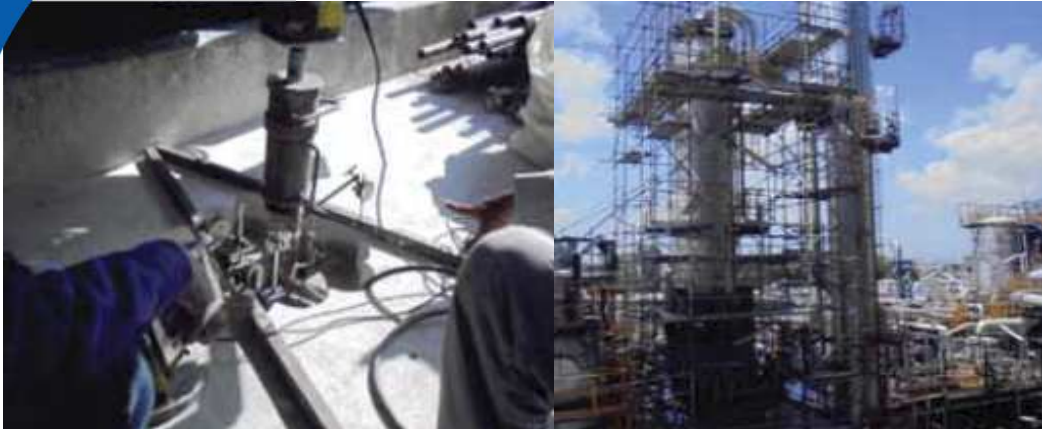
3D Water Column Drawing



Water Column AT SITE



# COLUMN REPLACEMENT METHOD [1/5]



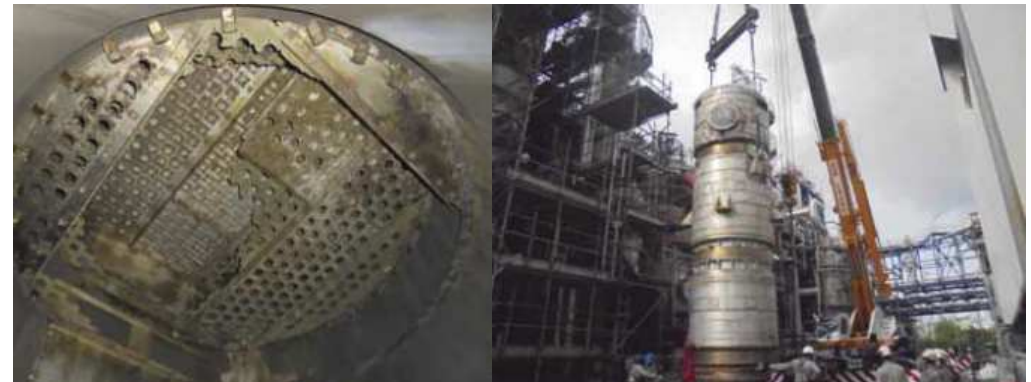
**Site Preparation :** Soil Test and Scaffolding installation



**Lifting Preparation :** NDE Lifting Eq. and Weld external support



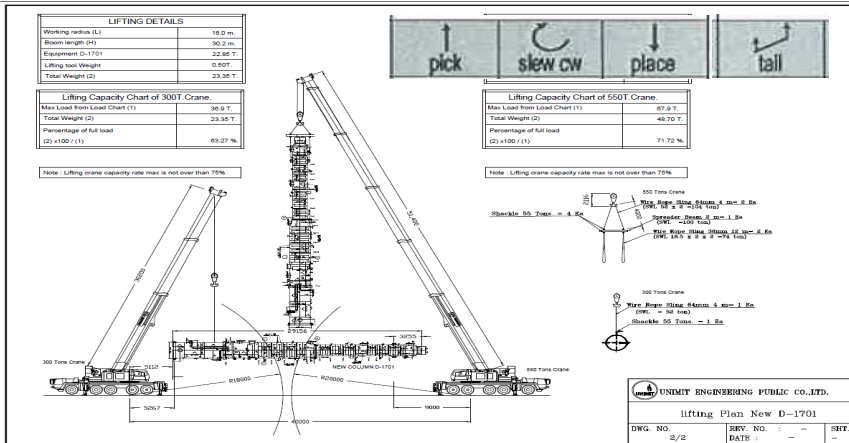
**Site Preparation :** Rigger plate preparation and plumbness check



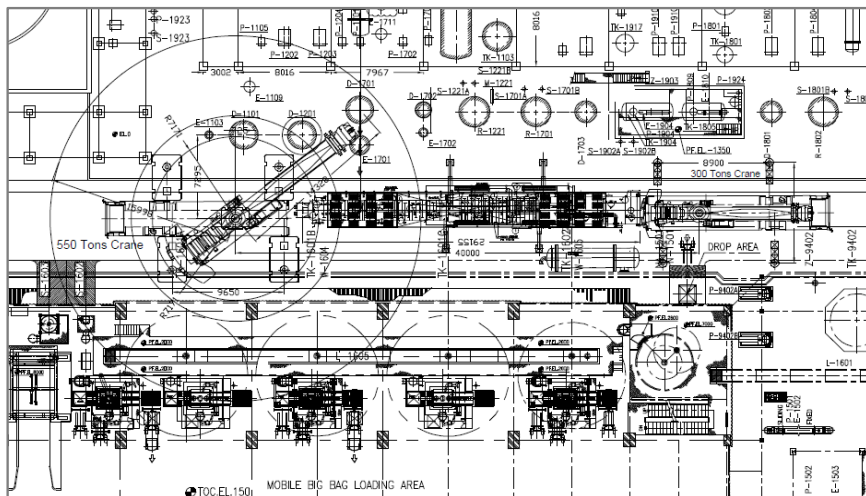
**Execution :** Actual condition before lifting and demolish E-1701



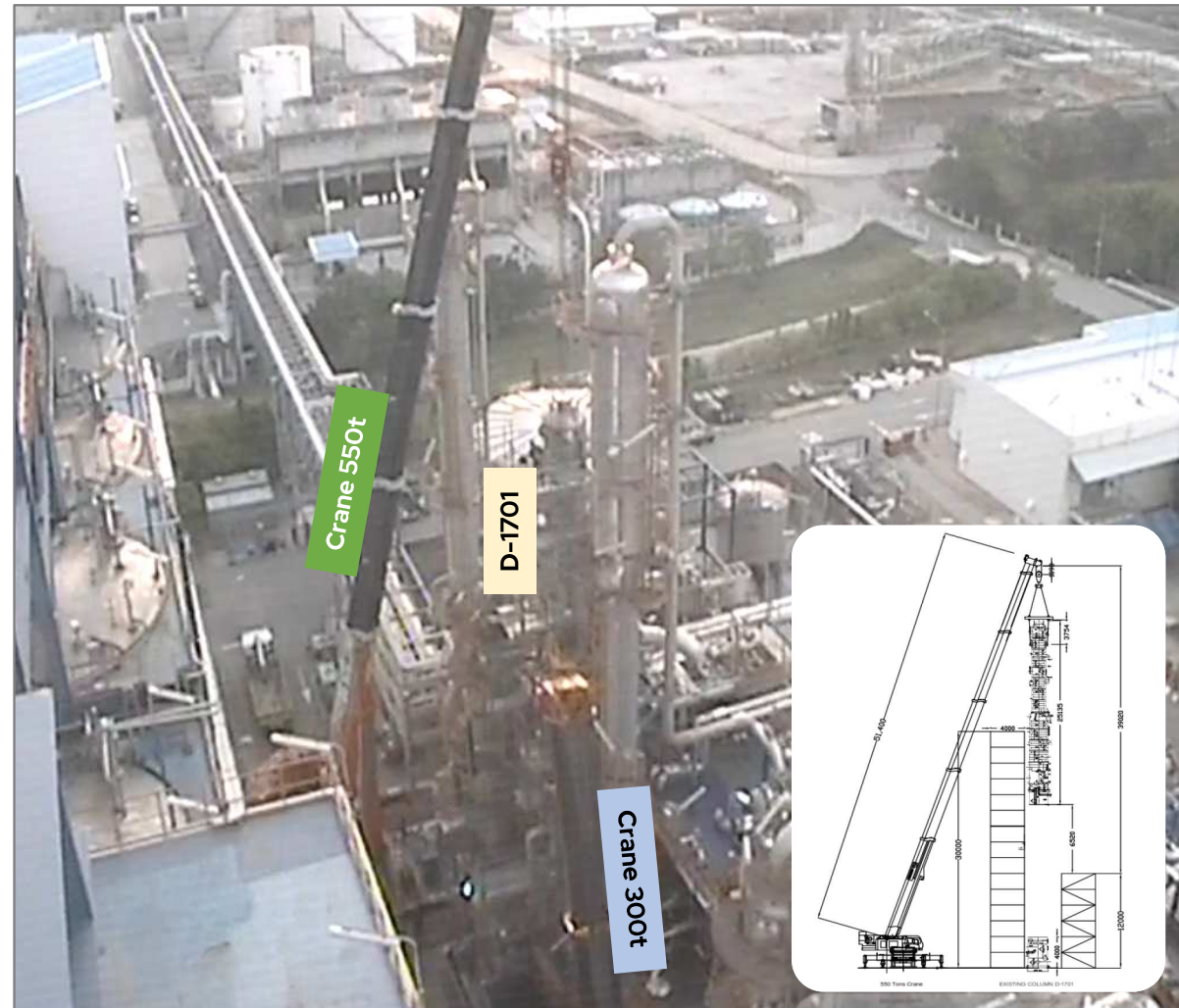
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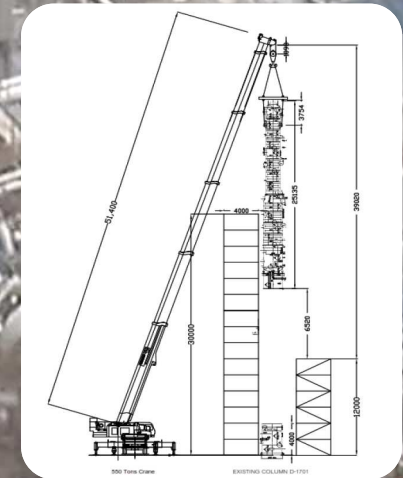
**Lifting Plan : Pick and Tail (550t + 300t)**



**Crane Location : Road W = 6.0 M.**



**Lifting Arrangement : Separate column and skirt**



# COLUMN REPLACEMENT METHOD [3/5]



**Existing column Removal :** Focus to avoid anchor bolt and padding damage



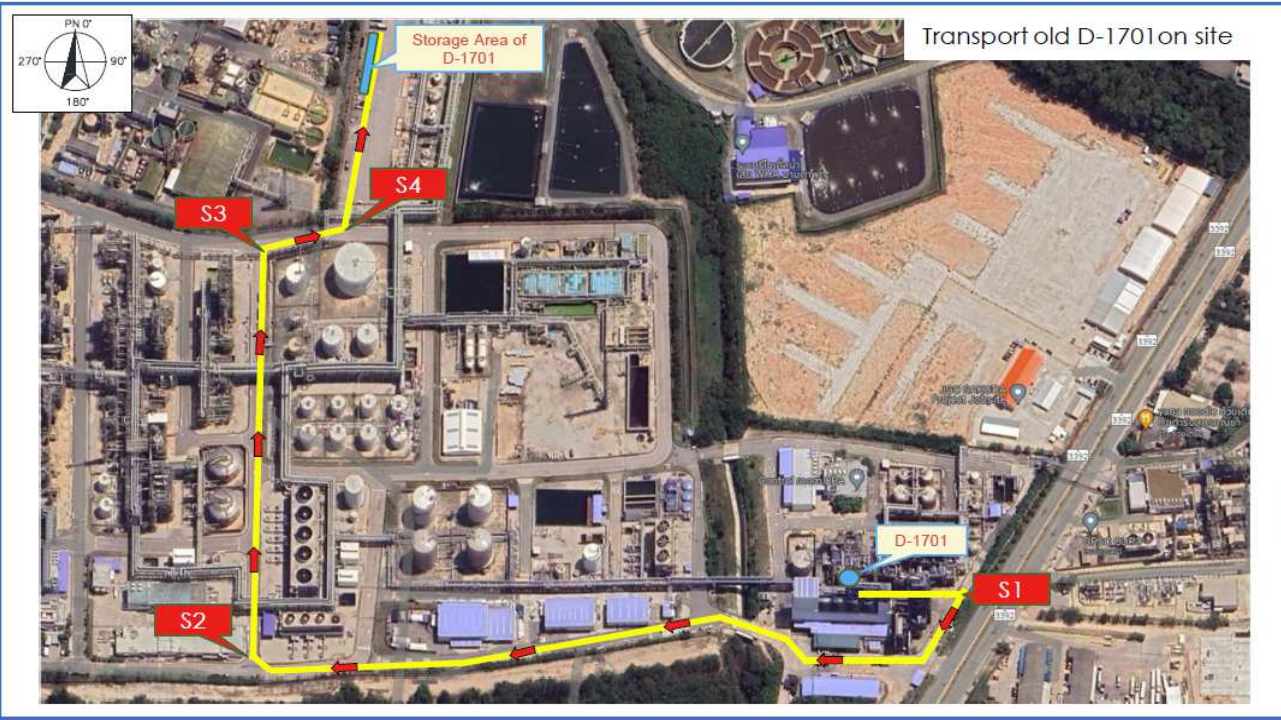
**Padding and anchor bolt inspection :**  
To Ensure bolt arrangement and pad leveling



**Foundation Preparation**

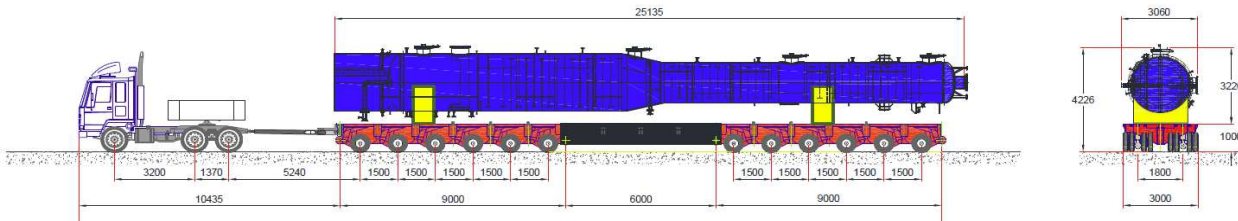


# COLUMN REPLACEMENT METHOD [4/5]



**Transportation : Old Column to Phenol scrap yard**

OLD D-1701 WATER COLUMN (TOP SECTION)



**Transportation : New Column Available on Site**



# COLUMN REPLACEMENT METHOD [5/5]



New Column Installation



E-1701 Re-Installation and Internal tray final inspection



Column vertical alignment inspection



Grouting and Fireproof



# AGENDA

- 1 Background
- 2 Chronology
- 3 Finding & Correction
- 4 Root Cause Failure Analysis
- 5 Solution & Optional
- 6 Risk Monitoring
- 7 Fabrication & Construction
- 8 Conclusion & Key Takeaway



## Conclusion

- Risk Management is important for helps organization & company
  - 1.1 Minimizes losses
  - 1.2 Enhances decision-making
  - 1.3 Ensures compliance
  - 1.4 Protects reputation
  - 1.5 Promotes long-term operational & financial stability
  - 1.6 Optimizes Resource Allocation
- Inspection is one of the best tool available to find problem and assess static equipment risks before accidents and other losses occur.
- Fitness-for-Service is technique to analyze inspection results and decision-making tool in operating or shutdown the plant for repairing.
- Expand the result of Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) problem by setting SCC Condition Monitoring Plan for the other piping and equipment.
- Review and Re-assessment of failure modes and consequence in RBI Program.



## Key Takeaway

- Multidiscipline team including specialist and top management supporting are accountability to decide based on risk evaluation, risk control and risk monitoring.
- Effective Monitoring (PAUT) and Analysis Technique (Fit for Service) are required to response with the change during plant operation.
- Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA) is a systematic process aimed at identifying the underlying causes of failures, including physical, human, and system factors, to ensure a thorough understanding and effective solutions.
- Chloride awareness shall be considered refers to the corrosion of metals, particularly austenitic stainless steels. This is a significant concern in environments in chemical processing plants.



THANK YOU



QUESTION & ANSWER





# Thank you for your attention

**Topic: PSE Tier 1 Prevention via Maintenance and Reliability**

*Experience Sharing Case Column Severe Corrosion Effect to Mechanical Integrity and How to Manage the Risk*