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industries — Offshore production
installations — Major accident hazard
management during the design of new
installations**

*Industries du pétrole et du gaz naturel — Installations des plates-
formes en mer — Lignes directrices relatives aux outils et techniques
pour l'identification et l'évaluation des risques*



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17776:2000), which has been technically revised and the title changed from *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Offshore production installations — Guidelines on tools and techniques for hazard identification and risk assessment* to the present title.

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish requirements and provide guidance for the effective management of major accident (MA) hazards during the design of new offshore installations for the petroleum and natural gas industries.

The management of MA hazards involves the application of engineering expertise and knowledge to provide the measures needed to meet the objectives set by the organizations involved in the project development. A range of tools for evaluating and assessing the likelihood and consequences of MAs is needed to help select the measures to be implemented, and to judge when sufficient measures have been provided.

This process is built on the underlying integrity provided by the application of internationally recognized codes and standards.

This document covers the following main elements:

- establishing general requirements for identifying MA hazards and their causes;
- assessing MA hazards to understand their likelihood and possible consequences;
- developing suitable strategies for managing MA hazards;
- progressively improving the understanding of MA hazards and their consequences to guide design decisions during the development phases of the installation;
- providing the measures needed to manage all credible MAs;
- maintaining the measures throughout the life of the installation.

The technical content of this document is arranged as follows:

- a) objectives: the goals to be achieved;
- b) functional requirements: specifying requirements considered necessary to meet the stated objectives;
- c) annexes: guidelines in support of the functional requirements.

This document should be read in conjunction with ISO 13702 and ISO 15544.

Petroleum and natural gas industries — Offshore production installations — Major accident hazard management during the design of new installations

1 Scope

This document describes processes for managing major accident (MA) hazards during the design of offshore oil and gas production installations. It provides requirements and guidance on the development of strategies both to prevent the occurrence of MAs and to limit the possible consequences. It also contains some requirements and guidance on managing MA hazards in operation.

This document is applicable to the design of

- fixed offshore structures, and
- floating systems for production, storage and offloading

for the petroleum and natural gas industries.

The scope includes all credible MA hazards with the potential to have a material effect on people, the environment and assets.

This document is intended for the larger projects undertaken to develop new offshore installations. However, the principles are also applicable to small or simple projects or design changes to existing facilities and can also be relevant to onshore production facilities.

Mobile offshore units as defined in this document are excluded, although many of the principles can be used as guidance. The design of subsea facilities are also excluded, though the effects of mobile and subsea facilities are considered if they can lead to major accidents that affect an offshore installation. This document does not cover the construction, commissioning, abandonment or security risks associated with offshore installations.

The decision to apply the requirements and guidance of this document, in full or in part, is intended to be based on an assessment of the likelihood and possible consequences of MA hazards.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 31000, *Risk management — Principles and guidelines*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions and abbreviated terms apply.

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