Hazard Assessment: Mastering the Foundation of Brewery Safety

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Hazard Assessment

Understanding the hazards associated with a task so that you can:

Implement hazard controls
 Avoid accident and injury



Key Terms

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How to Talk Safety



Five Terms to Know

- **1.** Incident: Opportunity for something bad ("hazard") to occur
- 2. Accident: Something bad actually occurred
- 3. **Prevention:** Avoiding hazards by changing how you behave
- 4. Protection: Reducing hazards with safety equipment
- 5. Hazard Assessment: Identifying hazards and proposing prevention and protection solutions



Hazard Assessment

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Inventory Your Injury Possibilities







Safety

Safety = Freedom from Accidents and Incidents



Hazard Assessment

The Fundamental Means of Reducing the Potential for Accidents and Incidents



-3-Hazard Controls Strategies

Let's Get Started!



Types of Hazard Control





1. Safe Work Practices

- Common Sense
- No special equipment
- Most preventative





2. Administrative Controls



Written, audible, visual information

- Written programs
- SOPs
- Signage and labels
- Alarms
- Training



3. Engineering Controls

- Control Kinetic & Potential Energy
- Control & Move Gases
- Monitoring of Hazards





Control Power

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Chemical
- Thermal





Control Pressure

- Fermentation
- Cleaning
- Packaging
- Cylinder security













4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- PPE is not failsafe
- When it fails you have no further defense
- Selection, use, cleaning, inspection, replacement





Eye Protection

- Standard safety glasses
- Indirect vented goggles
- Splash shield





Hand Protection

- Inexpensive disposable nitrile
- Heavy duty
 reusable nitrile
- Neoprene hybrid over woven or latex base





Foot Protection

- Sturdy leather or synthetic work shoes/boots with steel toe/steel shank
- Knee-high rubber (PVC) with steel toe/steel shank
- Low-rise rubber (PVC) with steel toe/steel shank or rubber pullover over sturdy work boot





Other Protection

- Splash protection apron
- Fall protection harness, lanyard, and anchoring
- Hearing protection, disposable or reusable









Respiratory Protection

- Particulate protection
- Specialized: solvents, coatings, welding







Hazard Assessment Example

Caustic Washing of a Vessel



Caustic Washing of Vessel



1. Set up CIP Machine



2. Dispense Caustic



3. Run Caustic in Tank



Outline Steps in Task

- 1. Connect CIP to Vessel
- 2. Fill CIP Tanks
- 3. Load Caustic
- 4. Circulate Caustic
- 5. Drain Caustic
- 6. Load Rinse
- 7. Circulate Rinse
- 8. Drain Rinse & Air Dry





1 – List Steps in Task

1. Connect CIP to Vessel

- Connect pump inlet to bottom drain on vessel with hose
- 2. Connect pump outlet to CIP arm on vessel
- 3. Crack open manway door
- 4. Open sample valve, if any
- 5. Close or blank all other flanges
- 6. Plug in CIP pump

2. Fill CIP with Caustic and Rinse

- 1. Add warm water to left tank up to overfill tube
- 2. Add hot water to right tank up to overfill tube
- 3. Add caustic to right tank



1 – List Steps in Task (cont.)

- 3. Load Vessel with Caustic
 - 1. Open the caustic tank valve to the pump
 - 2. Close the bottom drain valve on vessel
 - 3. Turn on pump and dispense caustic tank contents into vessel
 - 4. Turn pump off when caustic is transferred

- 4. Circulate Caustic in Vessel
 - 1. Close caustic tank valve to pump
 - 2. Open bottom drain valve on vessel
 - 3. Turn pump on to circulate caustic for 20 minutes
 - 4. Turn pump off



1 – List Steps in Task (cont.)

5. Send Caustic to Drain

- 1. Close the bottom drain valve on vessel
- 2. Disconnect return hose from CIP and place hose end into floor drain
- 3. Open bottom drain valve on vessel sending caustic to drain

6. Load Vessel with Rinse

- 1. Open rinse tank valve to the pump
- 2. Turn on pump and dispense warm rinse tank contents into vessel
- 3. Turn pump off when rinse is transferred



1 – List Steps in Task (cont.)

- 7. Circulate Rinse in Vessel
 - 1. Close rinse tank valve to pump
 - 2. Open bottom drain valve on vessel
 - 3. Turn pump on to circulate rinse for 10 minutes
 - 4. Turn pump off

- 8. Send Rinse to Drain
 - 1. Close the bottom drain valve on vessel
 - 2. Disconnect return hose from CIP and place hose end into floor drain
 - 3. Open bottom drain valve on vessel sending rinse to drain
 - 4. Drain CIP tanks, disconnect all hoses and fittings, allow vessel to air dry



2 – Identify Hazards

NO.	STEP	HAZARDS
1	CIP to Vessel	Slips & Trips, Electrical
2	Fill CIP Tanks	Slips & Trips, Temperature, Corrosive (alk)
3	Load Caustic	Slips & Trips, Temperature, Corrosive (alk)
4	Circulate	Slips & Trips, Temperature, Corrosive (alk)
5	Drain Caustic	Slips & Trips, Temperature, Corrosive (alk)
6	Load Rinse	Slips & Trips
7	Circulate	Slips & Trips
8	Drain Rinse	Slips & Trips



3 – Specify Hazard Controls SLIPS & TRIPS

PREVENTION (SWP & AC)	PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
Avoid walking in puddles	Textured surfaces
Keep eyes on the floor	Slotted drain covers (not open)
Walk like a duck (lower ctr. of grav.)	Waterproof, slip resistant boots
Organize hoses, cords with aisles	
Put away unneeded hoses, cords	



3 – Specify Hazard Controls (cont.) ELECTRICAL

PREVENTION (SWP & AC)	PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
Switch off equip. before plugging in	Grounded circuits
	Waterproof housings, fixtures
	Equipment in good repair



3 – Specify Hazard Controls (cont.)

TEMPERATURE, hot solutions

PREVENTION (SWP & AC)	PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
Stand back when filling, recirc'ing	Thermostatic temp. control
Disconnect tri-clamps carefully	Long pants, long sleeved shirt
	Rubber boots, rubber gloves
	Eye protection



3 – Specify Hazard Controls (cont.)

CORROSIVE, concentrated caustic

PREVENTION (SWP & AC)	PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
Read, understand SDS; Observe labels & placards	Appropriate pumps, non-reactive
Trained in chemical handling	Long pants, long sleeved shirt
Good housekeeping	Rubber boots, gloves, apron
Rinse affected surfaces	Goggles & splash shield
Dispense where/when others will not be affected	



3 – Specify Hazard Controls (cont.)

CORROSIVE, dilute caustic

PREVENTION (SWP & AC)	PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
Read, understand SDS	Appropriate pumps, non-reactive
Label working solutions if transferring to next shift	Long pants, long sleeved shirt
Trained in chemical handling	Rubber boots, gloves, apron
Good housekeeping; safety signage	Goggles or safety glasses with side shields
Dispense where/when others will not be affected	



4 – Do Task with Controls

Step 1 - CIP to Vessel

- Electrical
- Slips & Trips
 - Organize hoses, cords with aisles
 - Slotted drain covers (not open)







2. Fill CIP Tanks

- Corrosives
 - PPE & work clothes
 - Labels, placards
 - Cautious action
- Temperature
 - PPE & work clothes
- Slips & Trips







HA Results in Improvements

Before

After







3 & 4 – Load Caustic and Circulate

- Corrosives
- Slips & Trips
- Temperature







- 5. Drain Caustic
 - Corrosives
 - Slips & Trips
 - Temperature







Repeat for Steps: 6.Load Rinse 7.Circulate 8.Drain Rinse







4 – Wrap Up Task











-5-Summary



Foundation of Safety

- Outline the *task* in *steps* (creating SOPs)
- Evaluate *hazards* at each *step*
- Identify best hazard control strategies
 - PREVENTION (SWP & AC)
 - PROTECTION (EC & PPE)
- Do the work safely
- Engage staff & document choices
- Keep expanding to include other tasks



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