

Heat Rate: Optimizing Your Power Plant

Heat Rate & Plant Efficiency Combined Cycle

This two and one half day course covers the fundamentals of heat rate and the impact of changing heat rate on operating cost. The course includes an overview of heat rate concepts, controllable and non-controllable losses, and the effects of component performance on operating cost.

I. Heat Rate Basics

- What is Heat Rate?
- Plant Heat Rate
- Conversion Factors for Standard Cubic Foot (scf) to Pounds Mass (lbm)
- Why is Heat Rate Important?
- Heat Rate Deviation
- Cost of Heat Rate Deviations

II. Gas Turbine

- Gas Turbine Theory
- Gas Turbine Components
- Air Inlet Equipment
- Compressor
- Combustion Section
- Turbine Section

III. Boiler

- Boiler Efficiency
- Boiler Degradation
- Fuel Issues
- Environmental Concerns
- Maximizing Boiler Efficiency

IV. Heat Recovery Steam Generator

- HRSG Cycling
- HRSG Thermodynamics
- HRSG Design
- Steam Generation
- Duct Burners
- Stack Temperature
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)

V. Steam Turbine

- Steam Turbine Types
- Turbine Efficiency
- Turbine Cycle Heat Rate
- Steam Turbine Degradation
- Controlling Turbine Efficiency

VI. Miscellaneous Major Equipment

- Feedwater Heater
- Condenser
- Cooling Tower (Heat Rejection)
- Miscellaneous Equipment
- Optimizing Heat Rate and Efficiency