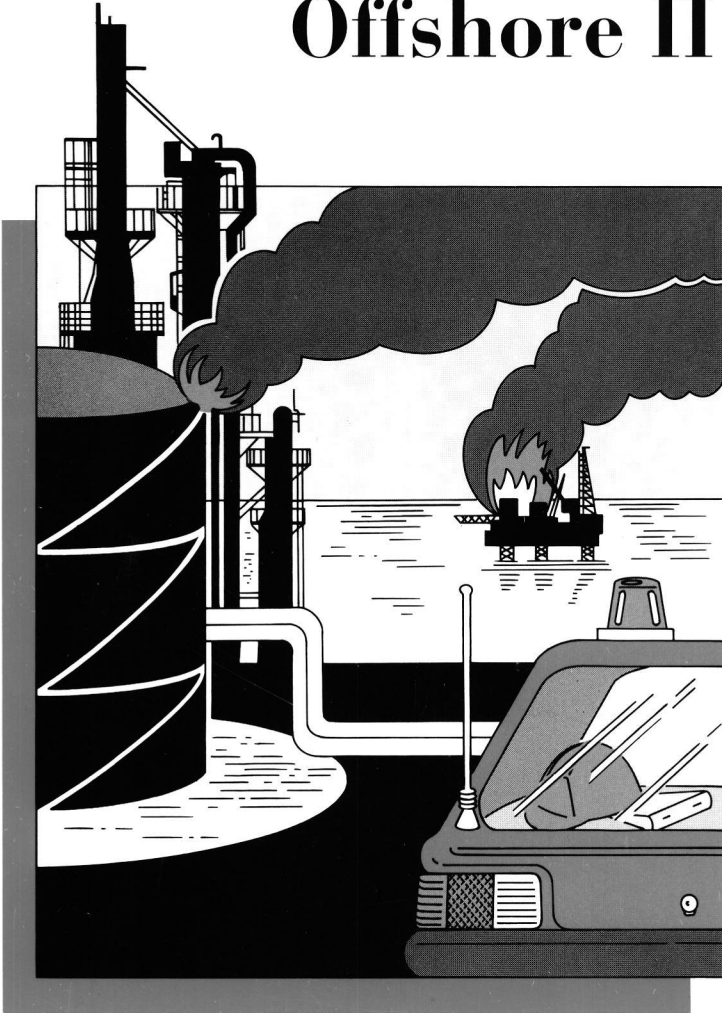


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# Preface

The first conference on major hazards onshore and offshore organised by the Institution of Chemical Engineers (North Western Branch) was held in 1992. It attracted 44 papers and an audience of some 200 delegates from the UK and abroad.

This second conference, only three years later, is in recognition that, in this short time, there have been significant developments in risk assessment methods, the technology needed to specify safety measures and maintenance of safety measures. Support and co-sponsorship by the Health and Safety Executive, European Safety Centre, Institution of Mechanical Engineers (Process Industries Division) and the Center for Chemical Process Safety (American Institute of Chemical Engineers) are indicative of the wide range of interest in the topics covered by the conference and its high status in providing valuable information to a variety of industries.

The topics for discussion at the conference are wide ranging and cover all the regulatory, technical and management areas important in the development and maintenance of safe operating practices. Some 45 papers are presented on gas dispersion and modelling, fire and explosions — prevention and consequence, management of safety and human factors, risk assessment and hazard assessment, standards, and emergency relief and blowdown and venting. The contributors are from regulatory authorities, academic and technical institutions and the industries with an interest in the control of major hazards both onshore and offshore. The conference provides a good opportunity for people to update their knowledge in these areas and equally, if not more important, provides an opportunity for interaction between the regulators, technical innovators and designers, risk assessors, production staff and safety managers.

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