

[Plant Turnaround Conference in Doha to Focus on the Latest TAR Practices](#)

2nd Annual Plant Shutdown and Turnaround Management taking place in Doha to update TAR professionals with the latest practices in turnarounds.

Online PR News â€“ 28-September-2012 â€“ John McLay, President at JMC Consulting has joined the speaker panel at the 2nd Annual Plant Shutdown and Turnaround Management to be held from 9-11 October at Doha, Qatar. He will be conducting a workshop on 'turnaround work package development' and the '11 steps of the critical operations of STO support system'.

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John McLay is a Canada born professional engineer with 40 years of experience in heavy industry, including refinery, heavy oil extraction and upgrading, pulp and paper and food processing. He has chaired three international conferences on shutdown management and is a frequent speaker on the subject with both national and international experience in educational presentations. John is also the author of the international best selling technical manual, 'Practical Management for Plant Turnarounds', and the 'PMPT-TASC App'.

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Shedding more light on turnaround work package development he said, "This will be answered through a ppt theory presentation and a work sheet that includes a case study. By identifying which stakeholders should and must have input we will be able to answer the question such that participants will be able to return to their respective plants and immediately carry on work package development". Apart from this McLay will conduct a workshop on the 11 steps of the critical operations STO support system and lead a panel discussion focusing on equipping turnaround teams.

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When asked what factors should be considered while building a TAR planning and preparation team, he replied, "The question I like to ask is, who can stop the work during the execution stage. These are then the persons who must have input during the development and planning stages so that their needs can be discussed, addressed and there are no surprises that will stop the execution of the work. The other major factor is over commitment by people who just cannot say no. The turnaround manager must have ready a roles and responsibility document for prospective team members to read, understand and accept. At that point the TAR manager must delegate authority so the whole organization is aware of this person when they come calling with needs".

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The event will feature a string of workshops by leading experts and feature interactive panel discussions. Participating companies include Qatar Petroleum, BP, Qatargas Operating Company Ltd, Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company (SAFCO), Gulf Of Suez Petroleum Co. and ADCO among others. Being a part of this event will help TAR professionals understand the major obstacles faced during turnarounds and ways to overcome them. The three day event will be held at Sharq Village & Spa, Doha.

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