OPTIMIZING MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND REPLACEMENT DECISIONS



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Introduction

Effective maintenance and equipment replacement decisions are essential for ensuring reliability, reducing downtime, and managing operational costs. Many organizations face the challenge of balancing preventive and predictive maintenance while making cost-effective decisions about equipment replacement. Poorly managed maintenance strategies can result in higher costs, reduced productivity, and safety risks.

This 5-day training course offered by Gentex Training Center provides participants with practical tools and frameworks to optimize maintenance decisions. The course integrates technical, financial, and safety considerations to support organizations in maximizing the life cycle of their equipment while maintaining cost efficiency and reliability. Through interactive sessions, case studies, and real-world applications, participants will develop strong decision-making skills in equipment maintenance and replacement strategies.

Optimizing Maintenance Equipment and Replacement Decisions Course Objectives

- Identify equipment failures, and the impact on plant reliability.
- Understand the cost-effectiveness of Preventive / Predictive Maintenance programs.
- Apply techniques of optimization of various maintenance activities.
- Define criteria for work-crew size, spare parts, and equipment replacement.
- Make important decisions on the basis of cost and benefit analysis.
- Incorporate safety objectives into equipment repair or replacement optimization.

Course Methodology



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The course applies a combination of lectures, group discussions, real-life case studies, and practical exercises. Participants will work on problem-solving scenarios using actual maintenance and replacement models, ensuring they can directly apply the knowledge gained to their workplace.

Who Should Take This Course

- Maintenance Managers and Engineers
- Reliability Engineers
- Plant Managers and Supervisors
- Asset and Operations Managers
- Technical Professionals responsible for equipment maintenance, inspection, and replacement planning

Optimizing Maintenance Equipment and Replacement Decisions Course Outlines

Day 1 Physical Asset Management & Failure Analysis

- Physical Asset Management
- Maintenance Management: Preventive / Predictive Approach
- Nature and Modes of Equipment Failure
- Failure Modes & Effect Analysis (FMEA)
- Analysis of Component Failure Data using the Weibull Distribution
- Censored Data, the 3-Parameter Weibull, and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test



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Day 2 Preventive Maintenance & Spare Parts Replacements

- Reliability and Availability Concepts: MTBF & MTTR
- Reliability Improvement through Reduction of Downtime
- Maintenance Performance Quantification
- Preventive Maintenance & Spare Part Handling
- Spare Parts Provisioning: Prediction Models and Techniques
- Management of Change: In-Kind Spare Parts

Day 3 Equipment Inspection & Fitness for Service

- Condition Monitoring & Inspection
- Risk-Based Inspection (RBI)
- Risk Matrix: Management and Mitigation Measures
- Reliability Improvement through Inspection
- Inspection Scope & Frequency
- Fitness For Service Analysis (FFS)

Day 4 Economics of Maintenance, Repair & Replacement

- Management of Maintenance Resources
- Effective Use of CMMS
- Maintenance Organization Analysis: Crew Size
- Equipment Repair or Replacement Decision



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- Economic Aspect of Maintenance Outsourcing: Subcontract
- Economic Aspect of Equipment Replacement

Day 5 Total Productive Maintenance & Safety

- Capital Investment in Equipment and Maintenance: ROI
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Safety in Maintenance Work
- KPI and OEE: Leading and Lagging Indicators
- Summary and Conclusions

Conclusion

By successfully completing this course with Gentex Training Center, participants will gain the ability to make informed and cost-effective decisions regarding equipment maintenance and replacement. They will understand how to integrate reliability, safety, and financial considerations into their daily responsibilities. This knowledge will help improve plant efficiency, extend asset life cycles, and enhance overall operational performance.

