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Inherently Safer Design – It Starts With You

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Trevor Kletz, the godfather of process safety, said, “What you don’t have can’t leak.” If you aren’t using a hazardous chemical, then that chemical can’t leak. If you use one tank instead of two, that is one tank less that can leak. As researchers, engineers, and plant operators, there are an unlimited number of ways that we can design inherently safer systems. This talk will introduce you to the inherently safer design principles using examples throughout industry.

Bio:

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