

Use of HDPE for Power Plant Piping Systems :

The nuclear power industry is showing an increasing interest in using the high-performance lightweight HDPE pipe in new installations and also as a viable replacement option for traditional underground steel piping in existing electric-generating facilities.

PE100+ Association is supporting these approaches to the use of HDPE materials of highest quality level.

A two-day seminar, took place in Gloucester, England, UK, 8-10, May 2012. The seminar was sponsored by ASME, PPI, and EDF-Energy and took place at one EDF Energy Nuclear Power Station where HDPE pipework has been installed in safety related cooling water systems. It was led by 14 experts, to share insights and best practice installations of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping in nuclear power plants, including testing, repair, maintenance, as well as a Regulatory Perspective provided by the Office for Nuclear Regulations (ONR).

PE 100+ association contributed with 3 papers, one by D. Walton – Borouge, and two by U. Schulte - LyondellBasell who discussed the essential importance of engineering support and quality requirements for the piping material.



Despite the recent setback of nuclear power these power plants are still playing an important role in the energy concept of countries such as the United States, France and the UK. An essential part of the plants is the supply of cooling water. Until recently pipes made from carbonized steel were used for this application. However, these are experiencing heavy attack by corrosion leading to early failures. In 3 single examples (2 plants in the US and one in UK) the superiority of HDPE pipes could be proven.

The picture on the left is an illustration of fouling of carbon steel piping.

The program and speaker listing are posted on ASME website at http://events.asme.org/HDPEeurope



Plastic Pipes XVI Conference, September 24-26th 2012

In a few months, the XVI Plastic Pipe Conference will open in Barcelona. Organisation is well underway, the provisional program is available on the conference website and more than two hundreds of delegates are already registred.

TEPPFA has joined again the PPCA organizing team and this event will see an increased number of participants and papers from outside Europe, including America, Middle East, and Asia.





117 presentations coming from 22 countries, and covering a wide range of subjects from new materials and applications, network management, case studies, testing and many other fields will be presented during the 3 days conference in two parallel sessions.

This is **the** conference of plastic pipes industries and a well expected event to remain abreast of new developments, studies and opportunities.

We invite all interested persons to register to the conference, which is expected to gather 450 delegates.

The link to web site is : http://www.ppxvi.org/index.php

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