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Oil and Gas Production Equipment Condition Monitoring is a 1-week training course for mechanical technicians, rotating equipment engineers and maintenance supervisors, and each participant leaves with an Equipment Health Watchlist for the machines on their site. Production pumps, gas compressors, turbine drivers and control valves are running longer between shutdowns, so spotting early deterioration through readings, samples and heat images now decides whether a failure becomes a planned repair or a lost production day. Jupiter Prime Training runs this course.

## Why Production Equipment Condition Monitoring Matters Now

Three pressures push monitoring onto every production site: longer intervals between planned outages, fewer senior mechanics able to diagnose by ear and touch, and cheaper wireless sensors that put data in front of crews who may not know how to read it. A site that combines vibration readings, lubricant samples, infrared images and process data intervenes before seals leak or bearings seize. A site that relies on run-to-failure meets unplanned flaring, deferred barrels and repair bills far above a planned job. The course rests on the potential-to-functional failure P-F interval, criticality ranking and the alarm-limit logic used in condition-based maintenance.

## Who Gains Most from Production Equipment Condition Monitoring

- Staff who collect route readings and oil samples on production machinery
- Staff who interpret trends and raise maintenance requests from them
- Staff who operate pumps, compressors and turbines from the control room and field
- Staff who plan repairs and decide when a machine can wait
- Staff who maintain control valves, actuators and their positioners

A production maintenance section gains most when its technicians, rotating equipment engineers and operators attend together and agree who acts on each alarm.

## Production Equipment Condition Monitoring Capabilities

Participants connect what a machine shows through its readings, samples and heat pattern to a clear maintenance decision.

- Assess pump, compressor and turbine operating points against their curves — the process operator
- Apply overall vibration and simple spectrum checks to flag unbalance, misalignment and bearing wear — the maintenance planner
- Weigh lubricant analysis results for wear metals, water and viscosity — the reliability engineer
- Build thermography routes for motors, couplings and electrical panels — the electrical supervisor
- Test control valve health from stroke and signature data — the instrument technician
- Specify alarm limits and inspection frequencies from the P-F interval — the maintenance superintendent

## Key Production Equipment Condition Monitoring Terms

- P-F interval — the time between a detectable sign of failure and the point at which the machine actually fails.
- Best efficiency point — the flow at which a pump runs with least internal loss, vibration and wear.
- Overall vibration level — a single reading of total vibration energy, used to trend machine condition over time.
- Wear metals — microscopic metal particles in lubricant whose type and amount reveal which component is wearing.
- Thermal anomaly — a hot or cold spot seen by an infrared camera that indicates friction, poor contact or blockage.
- Valve signature — a plot of actuator pressure against stem travel that reveals friction, leaks and calibration drift.

## Production Equipment Condition Monitoring Day by Day

### Day 1: How Production Machinery Works and Fails

- Centrifugal and Positive Displacement Pump Curves — Operating Away From Damage
- Gas Compressor Performance Maps and Surge Margin — Safe Running Envelopes
- Gas Turbine and Electric Motor Drivers — Matching Monitoring to Driver Type
- Criticality Ranking of Production Machines — Where Monitoring Pays Back
- Failure Patterns and the P-F Interval — Setting Inspection Frequency

### Day 2: Vibration on the Production Floor

- Route-Based Data Collection With Portable Collectors — Consistent Readings
- Overall Levels and Trending — Deciding When a Machine Needs Attention
- Basic Spectrum Patterns for Unbalance and Misalignment — First-Line Diagnosis
- Rolling Bearing Defects and Lubrication Starvation — Early Warning Signs
- Online Protection Systems on Large Compressors — Trip and Alarm Settings

## Day 3: Lubricant, Heat and Sound

- Oil Sampling Points and Techniques — Getting a Representative Sample
- Wear Metal, Water and Viscosity Results — Linking Lab Data to Components
- Infrared Thermography for Couplings, Bearings and Panels — Spotting Hot Faults
- Ultrasonic Detection of Leaks and Valve Passing — Finding Hidden Losses
- Mechanical Seal Condition Checks — Preventing Hydrocarbon Release

## Day 4: Valves, Data and Maintenance Decisions

- Control Valve Diagnostics and Positioner Signatures — Repair or Recalibrate
- Process Data Trends From the Control System — Combining Evidence Sources
- Alarm Limits and Severity Bands — Turning Readings Into Actions
- Condition-Based Work Orders and Deferral Rules — Timing Interventions
- Post-Repair Baseline Readings — Confirming Quality of Work

## Day 5: Practising the Equipment Health Watchlist

- Criticality and Technique Selection for a Sample Facility — Applying Day 1
- Vibration Trend Interpretation Exercise — Applying Day 2 Patterns
- Oil Report and Thermal Image Review — Applying Day 3 Evidence
- Alarm and Deferral Decision Scenario — Applying Day 4 Rules
- Equipment Health Watchlist Drafting — Machines, Techniques, Limits and Owners

## Applying Production Equipment Condition Monitoring After the Course

- Rank the site's critical pumps and compressors and assign a monitoring technique and frequency to each.
- Run a thermography sweep of motor control centres and couplings and log any thermal anomalies for repair.

## Production Equipment Condition Monitoring Questions FAQ

### What is oil and gas production equipment condition monitoring and why does it matter now?

It is the routine measurement of vibration, lubricant, heat and valve behaviour to spot deterioration before failure. It matters now because longer runs between outages and fewer experienced mechanics make early warning essential to avoid lost production.

### Which roles gain most from oil and gas production equipment condition monitoring?

Mechanical and instrument technicians, rotating equipment engineers, maintenance planners and production operators gain most, since each acts on the readings at a different step.

## How does production equipment condition monitoring differ from an advanced vibration analysis course?

It spans several techniques at a practitioner level rather than going deep into one. An advanced vibration course trains specialist analysts; this subject teaches technicians and supervisors to combine readings, samples and images into maintenance decisions.

## What do you bring back from production equipment condition monitoring training?

You bring back an Equipment Health Watchlist naming your critical machines, the technique and frequency for each, alarm limits and the person who acts on them.

## Production Equipment Condition Monitoring: The Way Forward

The Equipment Health Watchlist first informs which machines receive monitoring attention in the next maintenance cycle. Technicians, rotating equipment engineers and planners use it to agree routes and alarm responses. After the first quarter, compare caught faults and missed failures against the list to adjust techniques, limits and frequencies where the P-F interval proved shorter than expected.