
Question 30: What progress have you made in crude analysis in a timely manner, establishing stability criteria, scheduling blends, and mitigating processing constraints when blending multiple crude unit feedstocks?

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Crude blending is still largely based on the economics of the blends and less on the processing constraints that may exist. Real time analytic and predictive tools are available to the industry to help quickly determine the blends relative instability and fouling potential. The output from these tools can provide refiners with the information needed to proactively setup mitigation plans to address any foreseen instability or fouling problems.

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