



**COURSE OVERVIEW FE0920**  
**API 580: Risk Based Inspection**  
*(API Exam Preparation Training)*

**Course Title**

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**Course Date/Venue**

Session 1: April 27-May 01, 2025/Oryx Meeting Room, Double Tree by Hilton Al Saad, Doha, Qatar  
Session 2: December 21-25, 2025/Oryx Meeting Room, Double Tree by Hilton Al Saad, Doha, Qatar

**Exam Window/Venue**

August 08-29, 2025/Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Al-Khobar, Jeddah, Kuwait, Amman, Beirut, Cairo, Manama and Muscat. Participant has the option to attend at any of the above cities



**Exam Registration Closing Date**

May 30, 2025

**Course Reference**

FE0920



**Course Duration/Credits**

Five days/4.0 CEUs/40 PDHs

**Course Description**



***This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Theory learnt will be applied using our state-of-the-art simulators.***



The API 580 Risk-Based Inspection (RBI) certification exam tests the individual's knowledge of RBI techniques, based on the practices and principles outlined in API Recommended Practice 580 (Risk-Based Inspection) and API Standard 581 (Risk-Based Inspection Technology).



This course is designed to train individuals who are interested in obtaining the API 580 RBI Inspector Certification, as well as those who are seeking an advanced knowledge of Risk Based Inspection requirements. Included with the course is a pre-study guide and student classroom workbook. The student receives instruction regarding how to take the test, as well as insight into the intricacies of "real world" situations. Daily tests are designed to gauge students' proficiency and understanding of the material.

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Further, the course will also discuss the importance of risk-based inspection (RBI) in industry and the goals and benefits of RBI program; the qualitative, semi-quantitative and quantitative methods; the selection criteria for RBI methodology and integration of RBI into inspection programs; the basic concepts of risk, risk matrix and risk ranking and API 581 risk assessment procedures; the common damage mechanisms in the refining and petrochemical industry; the impact of damage mechanisms on risk assessment; the equipment and circuits for RBI; the data collection and documentation for RBI and integration of plant inspection data; the relevant API standards (API 510, 570, 653) and the legal and regulatory framework affecting RBI; the probability of failure (POF) and consequence of failure (COF); the RBI inspection techniques, non-destructive testing (NDT) methods and selection of appropriate NDT methods based on risk; developing inspection planning and scheduling; and the data quality and management in RBI assessment.

During this interactive course, participants will learn the software tools for RBI, RBI program and RBI program maintenance; the risk communication and reporting, performance measurement and improvement; the RBI program audit and review; the quantitative risk assessment (QRA) and reliability-centered maintenance (RCM); the life cycle cost analysis and advanced inspection technologies; the human factors in risk assessment and organizational culture and its impact on RBI effectiveness; incorporating safety and environmental risks; and the compliance with safety and environmental regulations.

### **Course Objectives**

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to:-

- Get prepared for the next API 580 exam and have enough knowledge and skills to pass such exam in order to get the API 580 Inspector certificate
- Discuss API 580 including the importance of risk-based inspection (RBI) in industry and the goals and benefits of RBI program
- Carryout qualitative, semi-quantitative and quantitative methods including the selection criteria for RBI methodology and integration of RBI into inspection programs
- Identify the basic concepts of risk, risk matrix and risk ranking and API 581 risk assessment procedures
- Recognize the common damage mechanisms in the refining and petrochemical industry and the impact of damage mechanisms on risk assessment
- Identify the equipment and circuits for RBI as well as apply data collection and documentation for RBI and integration of plant inspection data
- Discuss the relevant API standards (API 510, 570, 653) and the legal and regulatory framework affecting RBI
- Explain the probability of failure (POF) and consequence of failure (COF)
- Apply RBI inspection techniques, non-destructive testing (NDT) methods and selection of appropriate NDT methods based on risk
- Develop inspection planning and scheduling and apply data quality and management in RBI assessment
- Use software tools for RBI, develop RBI program and implement RBI program maintenance
- Employ risk communication and reporting, performance measurement and improvement and RBI program audit and review
- Carryout quantitative risk assessment (QRA) and reliability-centered maintenance (RCM)
- Illustrate life cycle cost analysis covering cost-benefit analysis for inspection interventions and economic modeling of RBI decisions
- Apply advanced inspection technologies and identify human factors in risk assessment and organizational culture and its impact on RBI effectiveness
- Incorporate safety and environmental risks and comply with safety and environmental regulations



**Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®**



Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Haward Smart Training Kit” (H-STK®). The H-STK® consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.

**Who Should Attend**

This course is designed for those involved in risk based inspection methodologies and practices in refineries, gas, oil and petrochemical facilities. This includes inspection engineers and inspectors who are seeking API-580 certification. Other engineers, inspectors, maintenance staff, facility integrity personnel and asset managers who are considering or implementing risk based inspection systems will definitely benefit from this course.

**Exam Eligibility & Structure**

Exam candidates shall have the following minimum pre-requisites:-

Education	Years of Experience	Experience Required
BS or higher in engineering or technology	1 year	Any experience in the petrochemical industry
2-year degree or certificate in engineering or technology	2 years	Any experience in the petrochemical industry
High school diploma or equivalent	3 years	Any experience in the petrochemical industry
No formal education	5 or more years	Any experience in the petrochemical industry

**Required Codes & Standards**

Listed below are the effective editions of the publications required for this exam for the date(s) shown above. **Each student must purchase these documents separately and have them available for use during the class as their cost is not included in the course fees:-**

- API Recommended Practice 580 (Risk-Based Inspection): This document provides guidance on developing a risk-based inspection (RBI) program for fixed equipment and piping in the petrochemical industry.
- API Standard 581 (Risk-Based Inspection Technology): Provides the quantitative procedures to establish an inspection program using risk-based methods for assessing and managing the risk of equipment failure in hydrocarbon and chemical process facilities.
- API Recommended Practice 571 (Damage Mechanisms Affecting Fixed Equipment in the Refining Industry): While not the primary focus, understanding the common damage mechanisms presented in this document is crucial for identifying risks and making informed decisions in an RBI program.

**Note: API and ASME publications are copyrighted material. Photocopies of API and ASME publications are not permitted.**





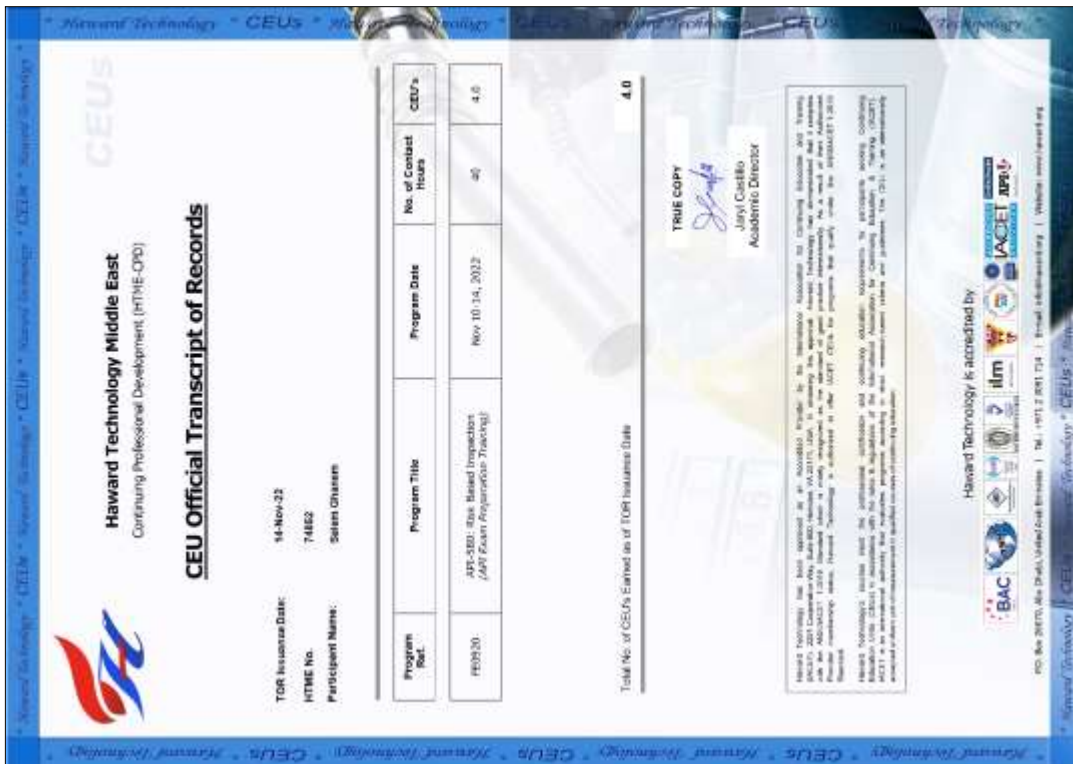


**API Certificate(s)**

API-580 certificate will be issued to participants who have successfully passed the API-580 examination.




- (2) Official Transcript of Records will be provided to the successful delegates with the equivalent number of ANSI/IACET accredited Continuing Education Units (CEUs) earned during the course.





### Certificate Accreditations

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations:

-  British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

-  The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

Haward Technology Middle East will award **4.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **40 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

### Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

- 30% Lectures
- 20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
- 30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
- 20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.





### Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



**Mr. Geoff Kaschula (Geoffrey Alan Kaschula)**, is a **Senior Inspection & Welding Engineer** with over **45 years** of extensive experience within the **Oil & Gas, Petrochemical, Process and Power Industries**. His fields of specialization widely cover in the areas of Risk Based Inspection (**RBI**), Fitness-For-Service (**FFS**), **Welding & Fabrication Engineering, Welding & Cutting Welding Technology, Fabrication & Welding Inspection, Design, Fabrication, Construction, Installation, Commissioning, Inspection & Maintenance of Process Equipment, Factory Acceptance Test (FAT), Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Piping Systems, Structures & Storage Tanks; Condition Assessment of Rotating & Auxiliary Equipment like Compressors, Steam Turbines, Pumps, Heat Exchangers & Valves; In-Service Inspection & Condition Assessment, Steam Drums & Pressure Vessels, Tanks, Piping Inspection, Advanced Integrity Management for Corrosion & Inspection, Failure Analysis, Flaw Evaluation, Remnant Life Determination, Capacity Reviews for Process and Power Equipment, Asset Management and Project Management.** He has also worked extensively with international industry standards such as ASME VIII div 1 & 2, TEMA, BS/EN 13445, BS/EN 12952, API 650, API 653, ANSI B31.1, ANSI B31.3, PD5500, AWS D1.1, SANS 10162, just to name a few. Mr. Kaschula is currently the **Director of RBI-Asset Management** wherein he provides technical support and consultancy services in the field of physical infrastructure asset management.

During his career life, Mr. Kaschula has gained his practical and field experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **Director/Owner, Project Manager, QE Division Manager, Resident Inspection Engineer, Refurbishment Inspection Engineer, Inspection Engineer, Welding Engineer, QA/QC Engineer, Appointed Statutory Management Representative, Technical Assessor and Senior Instructor/Trainer** for numerous international companies like the Parsons Brinckerhoff Africa, Weltech CC., Projects Expedited (Pty) Ltd., Airtec Davidson (Pty) Ltd. and Hubert Davies, Arnot & Hendrina Power Station, Projects Expedited, Airtech Davidson & the Department of Transport.

Mr. Kaschula has a **National Diploma (Welding Engineer)** and a **Registered Professional Technologist and International Welding Technologist**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer, a Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM)**, a **Certified API 510 Pressure Vessel Inspector, a Certified API 570 Piping Inspector, a Certified API 580 Risk Based Inspector, a Registered Inspector & Competent Person** for Boilers, Pressure Vessels & Pressure Equipment, an ISO 9001 Lead Auditor and a member of South African Institute of Welding. He has further delivered numerous trainings, courses, seminars, conferences and workshops internationally.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.



**Training Fee**

**US\$ 6,000** per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

**Exam Fee**

**US\$ 560** per Delegate.

**Course Program**

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

**Day 1**

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	<b>PRE-TEST</b>
0830 – 0930	<b>Introduction to API 580 &amp; Risk-Based Inspection (RBI)</b> Overview of API 580 • Importance of RBI in Industry • Goals & Benefits of Implementing an RBI Program
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	<b>Risk-Based Inspection Methodologies</b> Qualitative, Semi-Quantitative & Quantitative Methods • Selection Criteria for RBI Methodology • Integration of RBI into Inspection Programs
1100 – 1200	<b>Risk Assessment &amp; API 581</b> Basic Concepts of Risk: Likelihood & Consequence • Risk Matrix & Risk Ranking • Introduction to API 581 Risk Assessment Procedures
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<b>Damage Mechanisms (API RP 571)</b> Common Damage Mechanisms in the Refining & Petrochemical Industry • Impact of Damage Mechanisms on Risk Assessment
1430 – 1530	<b>Planning &amp; Scoping for RBI</b> Identifying Equipment & Circuits for RBI • Data Collection & Documentation for RBI Assessment • Integration with Plant Inspection Data
1530 – 1545	Break
1545 – 1645	<b>Regulatory &amp; Industry Standards for RBI</b> Overview of Relevant API Standards (API 510, 570, 653) • Legal & Regulatory Framework Affecting RBI
1645 – 1700	<b>Recap</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1700	End of Day One

**Day 2**

0730 – 0830	<b>Review of Day 1</b>
0830 – 0930	<b>Probability of Failure (POF)</b> Factors Affecting POF • Inspection History & POF • Data Analysis & Interpretation
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	<b>Consequence of Failure (COF)</b> Safety, Environmental & Financial Impacts • COF Calculation Methodologies
1100 – 1200	<b>RBI Inspection Techniques</b> Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Methods • Selection of Appropriate NDT Methods Based on Risk







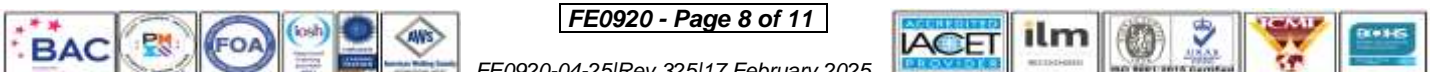
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<b>Inspection Planning &amp; Scheduling</b> Prioritizing Inspection Activities Based on Risk • Developing Inspection Plans & Schedules
1430 – 1530	<b>Data Quality &amp; Management</b> Importance of Data Quality in RBI Assessment • Data Management Practices & Tools
1530 – 1545	Break
1545 – 1645	<b>Software Tools for RBI</b> Overview of Available RBI Software • Criteria for Selecting RBI Software
1645 – 1700	<b>Recap</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1700	End of Day Two

**Day 3**

0730 – 0830	<b>Review of Day 2</b>
0830 – 0930	<b>Developing an RBI Program</b> Steps to Implement an RBI Program • Integration with Existing Asset Management Systems
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	<b>RBI Program Maintenance</b> Review & Update of RBI Assessments • Managing Changes in Process Conditions or Equipment
1100 – 1200	<b>Case Studies: Implementing RBI</b> Examples of Successful RBI Implementation • Lessons Learned & Best Practices
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<b>Risk Communication &amp; Reporting</b> Communicating Risk to Stakeholders • Reporting Requirements & Formats
1430 – 1530	<b>Performance Measurement &amp; Improvement</b> Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for RBI Programs • Continuous Improvement in RBI Processes
1530 – 1545	Break
1545 – 1645	<b>RBI Program Audit &amp; Review</b> Audit Objectives & Methodologies • Addressing Findings & Implementing Corrective Actions
1645 – 1700	<b>Recap</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1700	End of Day Three

**Day 4**

0730 – 0830	<b>Review of Day 3</b>
0830 – 0930	<b>Advanced Risk Assessment Techniques &amp; Management</b> Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) • Detailed Methodologies for QRA • Case Studies on QRA Application
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	<b>Reliability-Centered Maintenance (RCM) &amp; RBI</b> Integrating RCM with RBI • Optimizing Maintenance Strategies Based on Risk
1100 – 1200	<b>Life Cycle Cost Analysis</b> Cost-Benefit Analysis for Inspection Interventions • Economic Modeling of RBI Decisions







1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<b>Advanced Inspection Technologies</b> Latest Advancements in NDT & Inspection Technologies • Application of Advanced Technologies in RBI
1430 – 1530	<b>Human Factors &amp; Organizational Impact on RBI</b> Role of Human Factors in Risk Assessment • Organizational Culture & its Impact on RBI Effectiveness
1530 – 1545	Break
1545 – 1645	<b>Safety &amp; Environmental Considerations in RBI</b> Incorporating Safety & Environmental Risks • Compliance with Safety & Environmental Regulations
1645 – 1700	<b>Recap</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1700	End of Day Four

**Day 5**

0730 – 0830	<b>Review of Day 4</b>
0830 – 0930	<b>Review &amp; Exam Preparation</b> Review of API 580 & 581 Key Concepts • Critical Elements of API 580 & 581 • Recap of Main Topics & Principles
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	<b>Sample Exam Questions &amp; Discussion</b> Reviewing Sample Questions • Discussion on Approaches to Answering Questions
1100 – 1230	<b>Exam Strategies &amp; Time Management</b> Tips for Effective Exam Preparation • Strategies for Managing Time During the Exam
1230 – 1330	Lunch
1330 – 1500	<b>Case Study Workshop</b> Group Discussion on a Comprehensive RBI Case Study • Practical Application of RBI Concepts & Methodologies
1500 – 1515	Break
1515 – 1615	<b>Open Q&amp;A Session</b> Addressing any Remaining Questions & Clarifications • Sharing Resources for Further Study
1615 – 1630	<b>Course Conclusion</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Course Topics that were Covered During the Course
1630 – 1645	<b>POST-TEST</b>
1645 – 1700	Presentation of Course Certificate
1700	End of Course

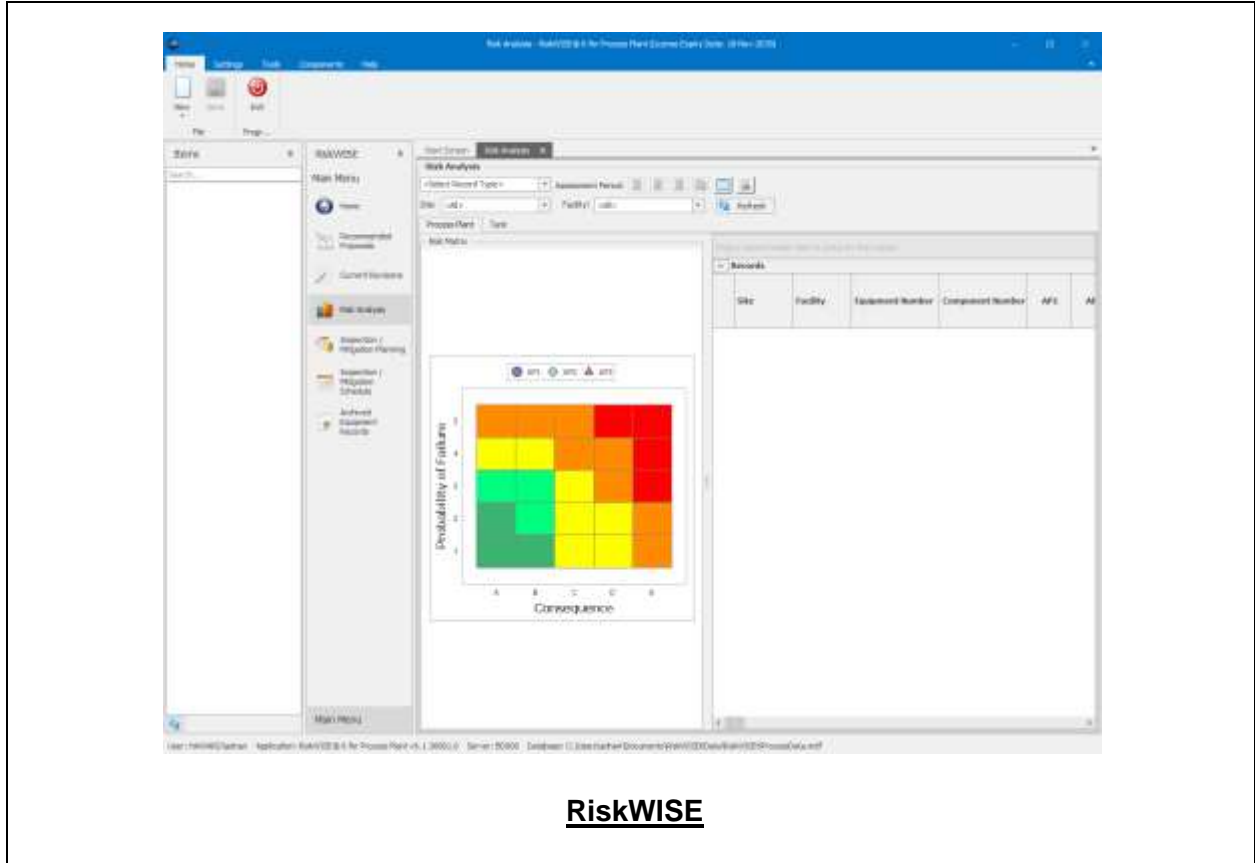
**MOCK Exam**

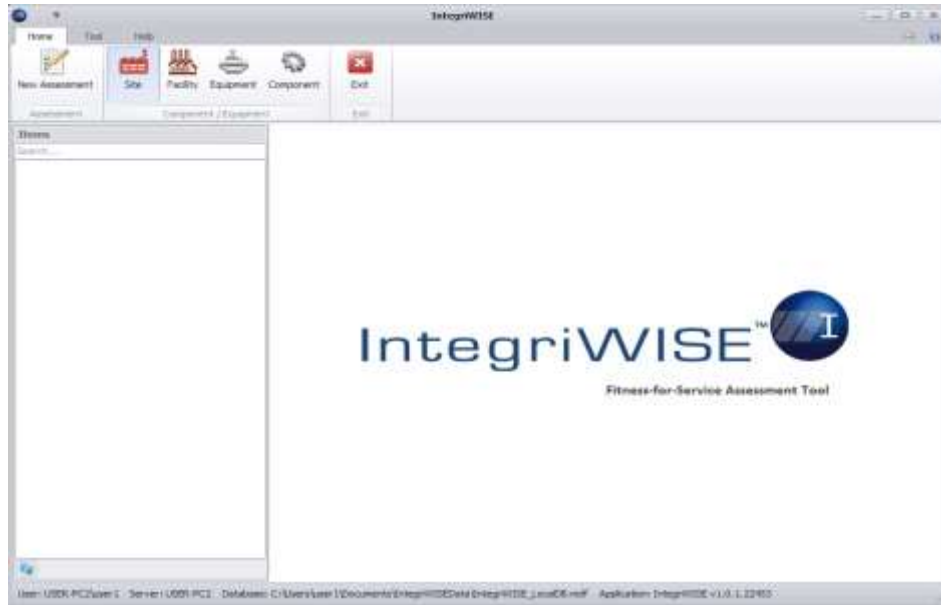
Upon the completion of the course, participants have to sit for a MOCK Examination similar to the exam of the Certification Body through Haward’s Portal. Each participant will be given a username and password to log in Haward’s Portal for the MOCK Exam during the 30 days following the course completion. Each participant has only one trial for the MOCK exam within this 30-day examination window. Hence, you have to prepare yourself very well before starting your MOCK exam as this exam is a simulation to the one of the Certification Body.



### **Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)**

Practical sessions will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using the state-of-the-art simulator “RiskWISE” and “IntegriWISE™”.





**IntegriWISE™**

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