

KSU – Chemical Engineering Department
ChE 418 (Chemical Plant Economics and Safety) – TUT #3 (Process Safety)

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1. A tank contains pressurized gas. Develop an equation describing the gas pressure as a function of time if the tank develops a leak. Assume choked flow and a constant tank gas temperature of T_0 .

2. A storage tank contains water contaminated with a small quantity of a soluble hazardous waste material. The tank is 3 m in diameter and 6 m high. At the current time the liquid height is within 1 m of the top of the tank. Assume that the tank is vented.
 - a. If a 3-cm (internal diameter) feed pipe at the bottom of the tank breaks off, how much liquid (in m^3) is spilled if an emergency response procedure requires 30 min to stop the flow?

 - b. What is the final liquid level (in m)?

 - c. What is the maximum spill rate of liquid (in kg/s)?

3. A burning dump emits an estimated 3 g/s of oxides of nitrogen. What is the average concentration of oxides of nitrogen from this source directly downwind at a distance of 3 km on an overcast night with a wind speed of 7 m/s? Assume that this dump is a point ground-level source. Neutral stability class D applies, with rural conditions.