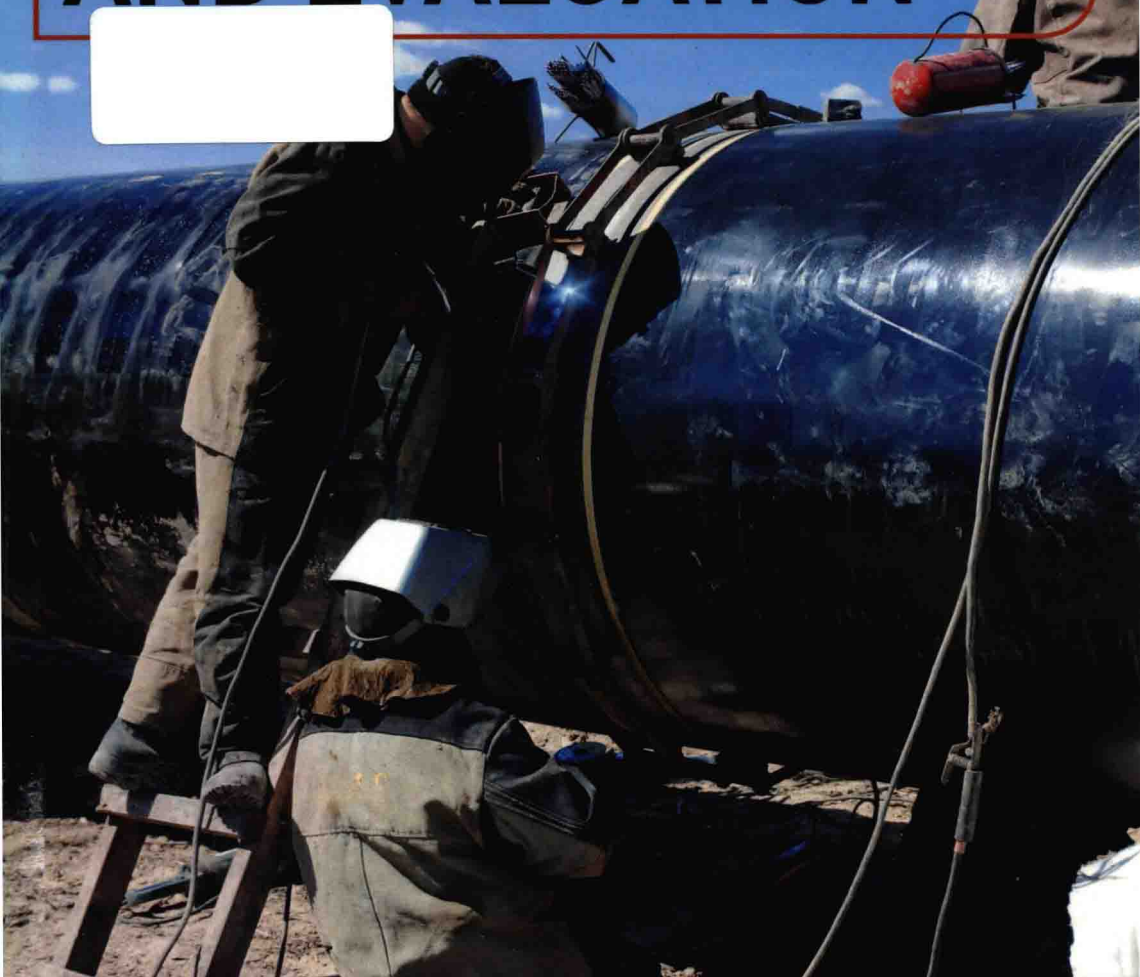


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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of my late father, Kripashanker Singh, from whom I learned to put pen to paper, who taught me to be analytical in my approach, and who instilled in me a sense of discipline and dedication to the work I do.

PREFACE

There are several information sources on the market on this subject; most of them are regulatory requirements and guidelines. In most cases, due their very nature, the regulatory materials are specifically tailored as ‘do and don’t’ lists. This rule of thumb hand book is intended to bring closer the management principles and regulatory requirements and to apply these principles to achieve the best possible results.

While the regulatory requirements are essential, the application of management principles, in the writer’s view, uplifts the degree of success of the integrity management efforts of a company. This intends to support the under-supported by giving a practical perspective to the theoretical texts.

The book is aimed at those managers, engineers, and non-engineers, who are responsible for establishing and managing pipeline integrity for public safety. The book is intended to serve as a body of knowledge and as a source of reference.

In writing this book I do not claim originality on all thoughts and words, as this would be impossible on a subject as universal as integrity management. I acknowledge various sources and job positions that have contributed to my experience of the subject, and I am proud of them. Where I have consciously borrowed matters and ideas directly from these experiences and resources, I have acknowledged them as best as I can.

Those individuals who need more detailed information on any specific topic covered in this book should reach out to these acknowledged specialized associations, institutions, and local regulatory bodies for further guidance. There are several published works available from these bodies that can be of immense help in developing in-depth understanding of specific subjects.

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