

Substation Maintenance I

4.5 Days, 3.6 CEUs

Substation maintenance is a major part of any utility or plant maintenance program. Equipment failures usually result in significant downtime because of long delays in equipment replacement. However, most of these failures can be detected and prevented. This course provides an overview of substation equipment and equipment operations. Labs and instructions provided are designed to help the technician locate weak or faulty components in the substation systems. This course focuses on medium voltage circuit breakers (air and vacuum) and switchgear. The course is designed to aid skilled qualified substation maintenance technicians responsible for the maintenance and testing of industrial and utility substations.

Pre-Requisites

Working knowledge of basic electricity is necessary to attend this course.

Lab and Classroom Attire

AVO is committed to the personal safety of each participant and requires long pants and ANSI rated "safety-toe" work shoes for lab activities. Lecture courses may involve a tour of a work or shop area and for this reason open-toe shoes and shorts are not considered appropriate attire for the classroom.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course and lab practice the participant will demonstrate, by attaining a minimum average grade of 80% (between lab and final exam), that he/she is able to:

- Explain the configuration and function of common equipment found in a substation.
- Identify components of air, oil, and vacuum circuit breakers, and metal-clad switchgear (including switchyard equipment).
- Use medium-voltage circuit breaker and switchgear manufacturer's instruction manuals and NETA specifications to:
 - Perform all required tests.
 - Verify measurements and make adjustments to mechanisms as required.

SCOPE

Day 1

- I. **Introduction**
- II. **Safety for Technicians**
 - A. Lab Safety Rules
 - B. On-the-Job Safety
- III. **Substation Overview**
 - A. Components of a Power System
 - B. Substation Breaker Configurations
 - C. Substation Components
 - D. Metering in Substations
 - E. Relaying in Substations
- IV. **Disconnect Switches Maintenance & Testing**
 - A. Components
 - B. Interlocking
 - C. Motor-Operated Mechanism
 - D. Vacuum Interrupters
 - E. Maintenance Requirements
 - F. Electrical Testing

- V. **Switchgear Maintenance & Testing**
 - A. Arrangement of Components
 - B. Maintenance Intervals
 - C. Enclosure Maintenance
 - D. Maintaining the Insulation System
 - E. Maintaining Auxiliary Components
 - F. Electrical Testing of Switchgear

Day 2

- VI. **Circuit Breaker Fundamentals**
 - A. Circuit Breaker Functions
 - B. Ratings
 - C. Principles of Arc Interruption
 - D. Breaker Insulation Media
 - E. Contacts
 - F. Insulation Requirements
 - G. Circuit Breaker Controls
 - H. Methods of Operation

VII. Circuit Breaker Maintenance and Testing

- A. Overall Maintenance
- B. ITE/ABB 5 HK Circuit Breaker
- C. Square D Vacuum Circuit Breaker
- D. Electrical Testing

Day 3

VIII. Labs

- A. MV Switch / MV Bus
- B. MV Air Breaker Maintenance

Day 4

IX. Labs

- A. MV Vacuum Breaker Maintenance
- B. Power Factor Testing Circuit Breakers

Day 5 (Half Day)

X. Conclusion

- A. Review
- B. Final exam

*Class scheduling times may vary based on discussions and size of class