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Energy Audit of Thermal Power, Combined Cycle, and Cogeneration Plants attempts to refresh the fundamentals of the science and engineering of thermal power plants, and establishes its link with the real power plant performance data through case studies, and further developing techno-economics of the energy efficiency improvement measures. This book will rekindle interest in energy audits and analysis of the data for designing and implementation of energy conservation measures on a continuous basis.

Key features:

- Extensive coverage of basic design concepts and equipment details
- Specific details on methodology for energy audit data collection for different equipment/subsystems
- Analysis of data with the basic objective of energy efficiency improvement of different equipment/subsystems of a power plant
- Techno-economics of each energy efficiency/energy conservation measure, to enable management to take right investment decisions
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