



INFORMATION NOTE

Jacking of flat bottomed storage tanks

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When it takes effect: Immediately

When it is due to expire:
3 March 2012

Health, Safety & Environment

1. Document aim. To highlight the safety issues associated with the jacking of large flat bottomed cylindrical storage tanks.
2. Background: The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have issued a Safety Notice (HID 2-2011, dated 09 Feb.11) following an incident where a 54m storage tank slipped sideways on its jacks causing one side of the tank to ground.
3. Action required: When planning to carry out tank jacking operations, operators should use the information contained in the HSE Safety Notice to demonstrate that reasonable care has been taken to ensure the competence of tank jacking contractors.
4. References: The relevant HSE Safety Notice can be found via following link;

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/tankjacking.htm?ebul=safbul/09-feb-11&cr=1>