

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

Recent offshore incidents have identified the potential for individual personnel to undertake potentially environmentally critical tasks without referencing or following the procedures that were in place for the task. For example, an experienced member of staff incorrectly re-calibrated a steady flow bin load cell and weight indicator on an internal cement transfer system. Checks were not then carried out by the operator to ascertain if the individual's actions were completed as per recommended practice and/or procedures and subsequent overfilling of the steady flow bin resulted in a release of offshore chemicals.

INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:

Operators must ensure all personnel are adequately trained and assessed competent to undertake tasks. Procedures must be in place to mitigate potential pollution to the environment and subsequently any potential breaches of legislation.

Further Information

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