

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

Recent offshore inspections have identified a number of occasions where operators have shown a poor understanding as to the composition of discharge/release streams to sea.

Examples include a leak in a seawater injection system which resulted in a release to sea. This went unreported to DECC due to the released fluids being limited to seawater. However, closer examination of the release stream identified it contained a number of production chemicals such as defoamer and biocide. The release of these chemicals to sea should have been reported on a PON1.

A second example related to the release from a glycol system whereby the glycol was reported but the corrosion inhibitor added to the glycol system was not reported.

INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:

Operators must ensure that any fluid streams which are discharged/released to sea are fully assessed so as to accurately identify all components within the stream.

All components which are being released to sea or discharged outwith the terms and conditions of the relevant permit must be reported to DECC using the appropriate PON1 or Non-Compliance reporting format.

Further Information

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