

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

A pollution incident occurred during a recent bunkering operation, between a supply vessel and an installation, when a significant volume of bulk chemical was released from a chemical silo vent line.

During bunkering of bulk products/chemicals there exists opportunities to release chemicals to the sea from various release points. It is apparent that the same level of risk analysis and management is not completed, by some operators and contractors, for bunkering bulk products/chemicals when compared to the bunkering of oil/oil based chemicals.

INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:

Operators must be satisfied that the risk assessments and procedures associated with the bunkering of bulk products/chemicals are appropriate.

Operators must increase awareness of personnel in this area to mitigate bulk products/chemicals being released to the environment .

Operators are reminded that any release to sea of chemicals or oil during bunkering operations must be reported on a Petroleum Operations Notice 1 (PON1). Guidance on incident reporting can be found at:

http://og.decc.gov.uk/en/olgs/cms/environment/about_the_offs/incident_rep/incident_rep.aspx

Further Information

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