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From: Steve Meek
Sent: 13 May 2013 16:23
To: Zachary, Aled
Cc: Ian Leach; Jonathan Roberts; Kieran Foody; Richard Pemberton; Paul Frost; John Davies; Craig Shaw
Subject: Ammonia Escape

Hi Aled,

As discussed we had a small ammonia escape on Saturday when a contractor drilled through a pipe

He knew straight away, the system wasn't operating as he was working in the area & he got it isolated very quickly

Our engineers followed the procedure (in the event of ammonia gas leak) to the letter

However, there was a small release which we estimate at <2kg (we use about 500kg a year through oil changes etc. mainly from our plant room)

Over an hour later the release became evident in an adjacent production area & due to it being unpleasant we evacuated for a short period (until the smell went away)

We had a review this morning to look for any learning & to organise repair of the pipe etc.

One question that did come up was at what point do we have to report a schedule 6

Your thoughts on reporting a schedule 6 when at >10kg or if life at risk i.e. When reporting to the H&S executive under RIDDOR seems sensible

We would also report if the fire service got involved

You're advice on making sure we give the full information (quantity involved, contained etc.) if we need to ring out of hours (0800 807060) number to prevent an over-reaction is also key

We will incorporate these items into our incident reporting / evaluating procedures

Thanks for your help

Regards

Steve

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