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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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Avoiding Complacency During Work

This safety alert did not involve any GIS personnel or any team members of affiliated companies. This alert is an industry alert with a primary focus on chemical safety and PPE.

Recently, it was discovered that, during some work with a caustic loading pump, there had been a packing leak on a discharge valve which outran its containment. Along with this, there were many issues such as heavy rain and electrical issues which piled onto this already existing problem. Rather than fixing this issue, however, a temporary wrap was used to prevent exposure and work was continued. This, in turn, caused the issue to not be properly identified in a timely manner, causing the leak to spill into the earthen tank farm area.

No matter how small or large an incident may be on work, it is extremely important to make sure that – whatever the issue is – it is handled both immediately and properly. While using temporary fixes may be convenient and effective at the time, not dealing with an incident outright will cause more severe incidents later on.

While complacency should always be avoided during work, it is also just as important to make sure that any and all equipment being worked with is in proper condition, and that everything is working as it should be.



Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.

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