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Hazards during Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS)

A recent incident has brought attention to the hazards we face everyday on the job when SIMOPS are occurring.

Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS) are when two or more activities occur at the same time and place. SIMOPS can be risky because activities can interfere with each other, creating new risks.

A GIS Crew was conducting operations on a facility where

Approximately 100 feet away, another contractor company was conducting a tank cleaning operation.

The crew conducting the tank cleaning was only supposed to be circulating liquids and not venting to the atmosphere.

About an hour into the workday, the GIS Supervisor was out on the deck, and observed the tank cleaning crew had a hatch open on the tank in question, clearly exposing the contents of the tank to the atmosphere.

The GIS Supervisor alerted the crew doing the tank cleaning of the open hatch, and they closed it.

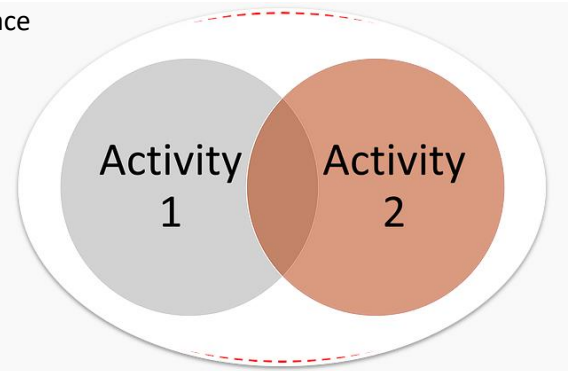
A little while later, the GIS Supervisor noticed a weird smell and began feeling dizzy and nauseated. He looked and noticed again that the hatch was open.

The GIS Supervisor immediately shut the work down for his crew and got them out of the area. The GIS employees then left the site and got themselves medically evaluated. All GIS employees were fine.

- Recognition is due to the GIS Supervisor in noticing that something was wrong and knowing what the work scope was for the work going on adjacent to his crew. If not for his quick action, people could have been seriously sickened or injured.
- It should be noted that personnel should pay attention when SIMOPS meetings are held to know what risks are present around us when we perform our work. It is not always only OUR work that presents hazards to our people.

Staying alert and vigilant while our teams are working saved the day this time. Next time it may be your turn.

Call the Incident Reporting Hotline whenever you may have concerns that SIMOPS is affecting our safety.



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