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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## *Employee Sprayed Due To Deluge System Trip*

Recently, GIS employees working on a client offshore platform were sprayed with water from a deluge system. There were no injuries sustained nor was there property damage from the incident. However, in an effort to create learnings throughout or divisions please read below to reflect on how this could have easily happened to one of your team members. Additionally, how can we make sure that we do not cause a situation like this by performing similar tasks?

### **Incident Overview**

A paint team member from another company was in the process of relocating a protective tarp to the next job location when the tarp inadvertently snagged on an air supply valve. The valve was closed approximately 50% allowing the pressure to vent off and activating the deluge fire monitor pointed at a Methanol Storage Tank. Once the fire monitor began to discharge, the worker dislodged the tarp and fully opened the air valve, shutting it off. At the time of the discharge a separate work group (GIS) was working at heights removing old methanol hoses near the Methanol Storage Tank. One worker at heights did get sprayed with some water, and safely returned to the main deck without incident.

### **Actions**

- OIM immediately had stand-down meeting with contractor
- Ensured JSA outlined material handling of tarps

### **Recommendations moving forward**

When material handling of tarps are being performed, they should be folded up or handled with two people while moving from one area to another to prevent snagging on anything.

### **How does this relate to me?**

- SIMOPS – be aware of tasks being performed in your work area. If you see something, say something.
- Material Handling – there are several tasks where we may use tarps and/or blankets to perform our work. The rules applied here would work for us as well. If moving fire blankets, tarps or any type of lengthy material, get help or fold them to ensure that you can manage their movement without causing an unwanted incident by dragging them.
- Stay calm – During a situation where there is an unwanted outcome, it's always important to stay calm in an effort to prevent further injury. In this situation, the GIS employee was working at heights and obviously unaware of what happened. They stayed calm and were able to safely return to the deck without further injury. If panic had ensued, the employee could have slipped and fell or caused injury trying to get down too quickly.

If you should have any questions regarding this process, please contact the HSE department.

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



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