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### Risk Element

- Asphyxiation;
- Oil Leakage/Spilling;
- Refrigerant Leakage;
- Environmental damage;
- Fire:
- Explosive Environment.

#### Precautions to Eliminate/Reduce Risk

- Make sure all refrigerant has been removed from the particular section of system before breaking into it;
- Make sure suction and crank case pressures are at balance before breaking into compressor;
- Works to be carried out in conjunction with COSHH and J & E Hall technical information section 5;
- Clear up any spillage of oil immediately;
- Wear correct protective personal equipment, use goggles, gloves and if necessary a respirator;
- No smoking heat source or naked flames.

## **Action in an Emergency**

- Isolate leakage if without risk;
- Ventilate area:
- Extinguish any naked flames;
- Recover contaminated absorbent materials into suitably marked containers for disposal.

# **Safe Working Method**

The carriage and disposal of waste refrigeration oil should only be undertaken after reference to the <u>Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005</u> and COSHH regulations. Personnel **MUST** ensure they are working within these regulations.

### Removal of oil from compressor or plant

- Pump down system and isolate compressor or component;
- Allow short time for refrigerant to boil out of oil before breaking into the system, repeating the pump down procedure where required;
- Discharge waste oil into suitable sealable and marked container. Do not fill over 70% volume.

### Disposal of waste oil in accordance with current environmental Legislation

- Ensure containers are adequately sealed and marked with contents;
- Arrange for waste consignment note to be made out;
- Arrange collection of waste oil by registered waste carrier for disposal;
- Keep copies of transfer notes for at least 5 years.