

Fatality due to Uncontrolled Ammonia Release

When: 9th November 2016

Where: Customer Site Location

No: 16/036

Potential Injury Description:

1 fatality, 22 requiring hospital treatment.

Incident Details:

J&E Hall have recently been informed about an incident involving an ammonia leak which unfortunately resulted in a death and serious injuries. I would like to confirm that **NO J&E Hall employees** were involved in the incident, however I thought it prudent to remind all of the risks involved with the storage and use of ammonia.

From information currently available, it is believed that work was being carried out on a compressor pack when the incident occurred.

See link below for further information:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-37927901>

No J&E Hall personnel were on site or carrying out any work at the time of the incident.

An investigation by the HSE will be conducted in due course, and further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Root Causes:

To be identified.

Corrective Actions:

To be identified.

Key Learnings:

For those sites where ammonia is present, please take this opportunity to review Risk Assessments to ensure current arrangements remain suitable and sufficient.

It is recommended to have a short discussion within your teams to remind all of the hazards and control measures in place, and as an opportunity to raise any concerns.

A full Safety Bulletin will be issued in due course.

References:

- J & E Hall Procedure Publication 5-020 R717 (Ammonia) issue 16.3 07-15 section 13

This document is available on the J&E Hall web site/My J&E Hall/HSQE area/Health & Safety/Safety bulletin

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