

Lessons Learned LL2022 – 5002

Vessel failed to follow the terminal regulation in port



Type of Incident: Customer response

Description

On arrival at Valero Terminal in Port Arthur, the vessel was running the N2 generator to make sure tanks to be loaded was dry and pressurized as per instructions from the port operator in Houston.

Pre-Arrival documentation received from agent stated that vessel had to arrive in an inerted condition and with pressurized cargo tanks, however no instruction received that N2 operation was not allowed alongside the terminal.

After berthing the vessel was informed that N2 operations is not allowed alongside the terminal. When pointed out, the N2 generator was immediately stopped.

Causes (Immediate and Root Cause)

Immediate cause:

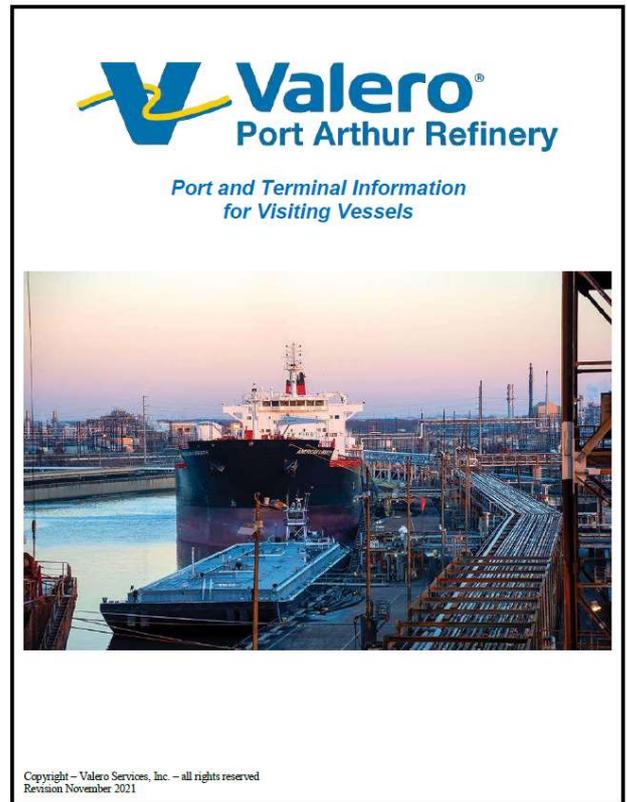
Failure to follow procedure or directive.

Root causes:

The vessel was not aware of the terminal regulation for N2 Operation prior being informed by terminal personnel when alongside.

Actions / recommendations:

- Always follow terminal regulations
- Ensure that purging of cargo tanks are completed prior berthing as far as possible.
- Report back to vessel operator if any issues to complete purging as required.
- Always review terminal requirements/information booklet prior berthing and follow the requirement as stated.
- Ask the operator for a copy of the terminal regulation if not supplied when terminal is confirmed
- Share this LL with the crew and discuss the event at next GSM



Example of a terminal booklet / regulation