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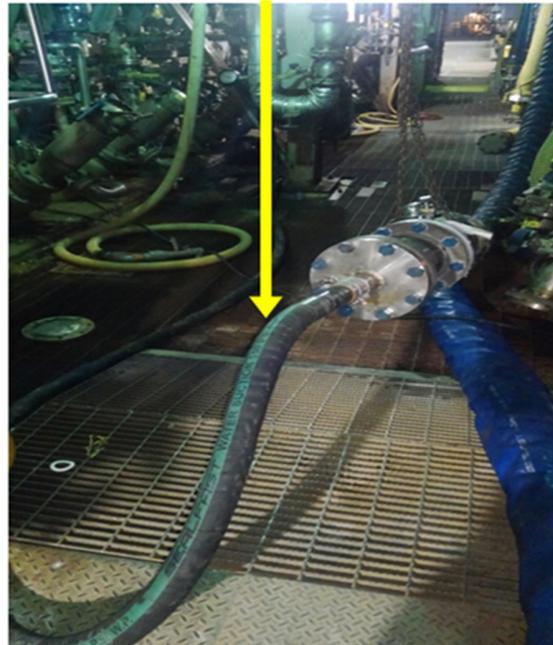
An operator failed to depressurize a hose containing hot water. He was sprayed on his legs and forearm and suffered from 2nd degree burns

What: Burn with hot water
When: 25-November-2021
Where: OTH, Houston, USA

Summary:

A marine operator was participating during the washing of a Jetty Line at Wharf 2. Once pigged, the jetty line was washed with hot water (190° F /88° C). The operator was then instructed to disconnect the hot water hose and properly store it. Before verifying the hose's pressure, he proceeded to release the cam levers from the hose connection allowing the hose to be disconnected. The hot water was still pressurizing the hose and was released upon disconnection. The operator was doused with hot water on his forearms and legs immediately suffering second degree burns.

The operator was immediately taken to the clinic for evaluation.



Why did this happen?

- Operator failed to verify hot water pressure prior to disconnecting the hose
- Operator failed to follow proper Line Break procedures and protocols

Related essentials / Directives / Procedures:

- Line breaking procedure

Lesson learned and follow-up for each site

- The incident was discussed during Safety Training, specifically to never interact with any equipment that is potentially harbouring a hazardous energy
- The terminal is evaluating current PPE requirements for this activity and implement changes if necessary
- The procedure was modified

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