



FIPASS HEALTH & SAFETY

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FIPASS Barge Rubbing Bars



North Centre Barge, Stern Rubbing Bars.

On the 17 May 2021, there was a near miss incident resulting in gas escaping from a barge rubbing bar on the North Centre barge whilst the maintenance team were carrying out some planned work.

The escaping gas was identified through the alarming of a personal gas monitor, being worn by the maintenance operatives at the time of the task. The area was made safe and no explosive reactions were experienced, or injury caused to any individuals. The situation was closely monitored with local resources and assistance from the FIF&RS in addition to external consultancy from Waves Group in the UK.

As part of the ongoing safety management of this situation, all hot works have been suspended on any of the barge rubbing bars or areas in proximity that could jeopardize the integrity of them. A survey of the material condition of all the barge rubbing bars was completed by Martech Falklands Ltd in August 2021 and presented to FIG. This report will provide valuable information to decide on the safeguarding options, which are currently being explored.

Atlink Ltd Operations and Maintenance personnel have been briefed and following the current Risk Assessment procedures in that respect. All Sub Contractors must follow the current safety management procedure and report to the Duty Operations Manager, prior to any works on FIPASS.

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