

Safety Alert

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Subject: Confined Space Entry & Isolation Procedures

What Happened / Narrative

During a Confined Space Entry Audit it was discovered that isolations were not in compliance with control of work procedures.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

No lock-out / tag-out system was in use as required by the isolation procedure.

Isolations were not checked by the people entering the space to confirm they were in place.

A Confined Space Rescue Plan was not completed to cover the work, and was not discussed during the TBT.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

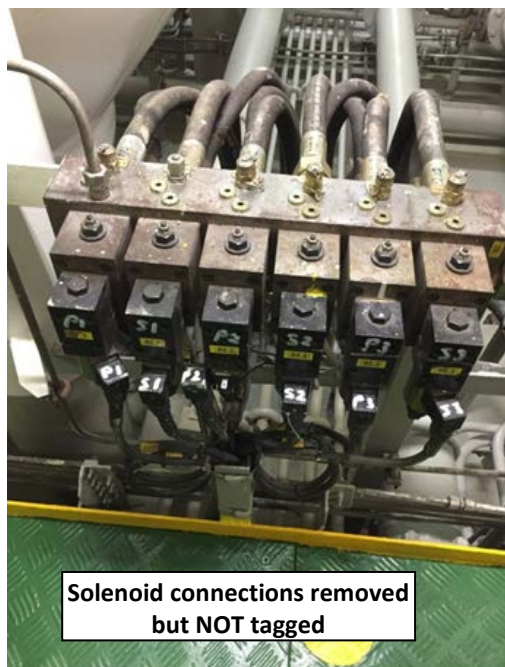
Discipline around compliance with procedures needs to be rigorous and tested to ensure the barriers are effective.

Anyone entering a confined space should verify that all isolations and any secondary LO/TO are in place, by physically checking for themselves.

PTW should not be issued until the issuing authority has a copy of the completed Rescue Plan (which needs to be understood by all involved) and has tested that isolations are in place and effective.

Lock-out/tag-out must be rigidly enforced during confined space entry to ensure equipment is not re-instated or operated inadvertently.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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