

Safety Alert

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Subject: Failure to Wear Correct PPE

What Happened / Narrative

A vessel was moored portside alongside a break water berth in a UK port, when two shore operatives who were engaged in connecting a diesel fuel hose were observed by the Officer of the Watch to be working on the edge of the quayside within the 1.0m PPE zone without inflatable lifejackets.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

The operatives were fully aware of the 1.0m PPE requirement but decided to cross the painted line on the quay as they had left their inflatable lifejackets back at their base.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

The vessel crew intervened, the job was stopped and the correct PPE was provided to the shore operatives, who were reminded of the port authority requirements to wear lifejackets when working within the 1.0m line. Once correct PPE was in place the job resumed.

A Safety Observation Card was completed and logged in the vessels Operations HSE data base. A copy of SOC was forwarded to the vessels Agent for them to liaise with the fuel supplier.

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