

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Near Miss during Garbage Compactor Backload**

## What Happened / Narrative

During cargo operations at an offshore installation a waste garbage compactor unit was being lowered to the deck of a Platform Supply Vessel (PSV). During the lifting operation the door opened slightly, resulting in a small quantity of garbage being spilled onto the deck of the PSV. Fortunately, the compactor was at deck level when the door opened. No injury or environmental impact occurred.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

This incident is still being reviewed by the operator of the installation.

The vessel deck crew noted on review of the compactor that the securing pin appeared to be damaged / in poor condition.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

The crew on the installation were briefed on the need to inspect the securing arrangement on each unit prior to lifting. The unit was taken out of service and the logistics base requested to review the inspection regime of the units supplied.

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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