



Confined Space Violation

Category: Unsafe Acts - Fall 2014

Position(s) of employees/contractors:

Material handler

Brief summary:

While loading a dry-bulk chemical tanker, a piece of equipment fell into the tanker. One of the two material handlers working in the area climbed into the tanker to retrieve the piece of equipment. The other material handler warned his coworker of the danger and reminded him of the rules for confined space entry, but the other material handler ignored him and entered the permit required confined space. The material handler retrieved the equipment and exited the confined space with injury.

List any corrective actions:

A National Safety Alert was generated and communicated to all employees. A national stand-down on confined space entry (CSE) was implemented until CSE procedures could be reviewed. The worker that entered the confined space was terminated. A scheduled review and update of National CSE procedures was accelerated.

Communicated to other employees, public, customers, etc.?

National Safety Alert, Corporate Newsletter, and personal message to all employees from CEO and COO.

Senior management involved:

Senior leaders from operations and EHS coordinated the National response to this incident. Our CEO and COO both wrote and communicated personal messages on this incident to all employees.