



Title

Compressor Diesel Spill

Description of Incident



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Hazards

A compressor and fuel bowser were being used to supply air for 15 Wharf. The compressor developed a fault which led to a fuel hose over pressurising and blowing off the coupling. The bowser continued to pump fuel to the compressor which led to a significant quantity of fuel being spilled onto the ground and consequently into a surface water drain. Some of this found its way into Weston Mill Lake.

Risks

Fire
Pollution of land and the watercourse
Investigation by the regulator

Immediate control measures

Spill kits deployed
Equipment stopped and made safe
Booms set up in the river
Tugs mobilised to break up the oil sheen
Drainage contractor engaged to clear drainage sump of diesel
Environment Agency notified of the incident

Action Required

- 1 Managers to consider the siting of fuel bowsers and plant in relation to drains and the watercourse.
- 2 Any plant of this type to be checked for leaks immediately.
- 3 Spill kits to be checked for correct contents (and presence of litter).
- 4 Staff to be reminded of the importance of the reporting of spills and pollution.