Near Miss - Risk of Explosion



Problem Statement

 Report Number
 Sologic Video Example 3
 RCA Owner
 Brian Hughes

 Report Date
 12/10/2015
 RCA Facilitator
 Brian Hughes

Focal Point: Potential for multiple fatalities/injuries, loss of station

When

Unique Timing While gas station store area was under construction.

Where

Site 76 Station - NE 124th Street, Kirkland WA USA

Location Within 10 feet of gas pump, outside the front door of the store

Actual Impact

Safety None \$0.00

Actual Impact Total: \$0.00

Frequency

Frequency Note Unknown

Potential Impact

Safety Potential multiple fatalities and injuries \$0.00

Safety Potential fire and explosion \$0.00

Environmental Potential for large release of fuel \$500,000.00

Revenue Potential loss of all revenue from the site for \$500,000.00

months

Cost Potential loss of facility \$1,000,000.00

Reputation (External) Potential community impact \$0.00

Potential Impact Total: \$2,000,000.00

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Report Summaries

Cause and Effect Summary

On 10-December, 2015 at 7:15AM a high-risk event occurred involving a person smoking near an operational gas pump. *No actual adverse impact was experienced as a result of this event.*

A customer at a gas station observed a construction worker smoking a cigarette within 5 feet of the pump. The convenience store building was in the process of being remodeled at the time. A group of 3 workers was working on the project. The project area had been fenced in with temporary chain link fencing. The workers were inside the temporary fence. The fenced area included the fueling bays directly adjacent to the store. However, three other fueling bays remained open to self-service customers.

The high-risk was determined based on the potential for gasoline vapors to ignite while people were in close proximity. Potential ignition sources include the burning cigarette as well as the means of lighting the cigarette (match or lighter). Potential fuel sources include flammable vapors released during the fueling process or vapors from a potential gasoline spill. At the time of the event, three workers were present along with three customers. Other customers were coming and going at the time. The station is near a major thoroughfare with pedestrians periodically walking by.

It is unknown why the worker was smoking near the fueling area. It is possible there was no designated smoking area. It is also possible that the worker simply chose to smoke away from the designated smoking area.

-- END OF SUMMARY --

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Solutions

SO-0001 **Solution** Close the pumps during construction

Cause(s) Gas pumps remained open during construction

Note This would be expensive in the form of lost revenue, but also best at reducing

risk of fire and explosion for any reason. Compare to the cost of an actual

fire/explosion.

Assigned Criteria Not Checked

Due Status Validated

Term short **Cost** \$180,000.00

SO-0002 **Solution** Close the inside bank of pumps during construction.

Cause(s) Gas pumps remained open during construction

Note This would be a less extreme version of above. Two pumps would remain open,

but the safety buffer between the construction and the pumps would be larger.

Assigned Cory Boisoneau; Criteria Not Checked

Due 1/18/2016 Status Approved

Term Cost \$60,000.00

SO-0003 **Solution** Set up designated smoking area

Cause(s) No designated smoking area?

NoteMake sure it's well away from the construction site and the fuel pumps behind

the store. There is an outdoor area in the southwest corner of the lot. Include a

pop-up tent, table, and chairs. Also include a fire extinguisher.

Assigned Criteria Not Checked

Due Status Identified

Term short Cost \$250.00

SO-0004 **Solution** Don't allow smoking on the site.

Cause(s) Worker chose to smoke outside of designated smoking area?

Note The problem with this is it will be difficult to enforce 100% of the time.

Assigned Criteria Not Checked

Due Status Identified

Term Cost

SO-0005 **Solution** Discipline the worker

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Cause(s) Worker chose to smoke outside of designated smoking area? This would only be appropriate if he was violating an in-place policy and if he Note was a multiple offender. **Assigned** Criteria Not Checked Due Status Identified Term Cost Add smoking to all safety meetings. When is it appropriate, where should SO-0006 Solution smoking take place, etc. Cause(s) Worker chose to smoke outside of designated smoking area? This should happen at all worksites. Note **Assigned** Criteria Not Checked

Status Identified

Cost

Due

Term

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