

Notifiable incident

Incident ID 5037

Duty holder: INPEX Ichthys Pty Ltd
Facility/Activity: Ichthys Development Drilling Campaign WA-50-L
Facility type: Petroleum Activity

Incident details	
Division	Environmental Management
Notification type	Incident
Incident date	07/09/2017 08:00 PM (WST)
Notification date	08/09/2017 09:00 AM (WST)
NOPSEMA response date	08/09/2017 09:15 AM (WST)
Received by	[REDACTED]
Nearest state	WA
Initial category type <i>(based on notification)</i>	Not Notifiable
Initial category <i>(based on notification)</i>	EM - recordable incident
3 Day report received	
Final report received	
All required data received	
Final category type <i>(based on final report)</i>	Not Notifiable
Final category <i>(based on final report)</i>	EM - recordable incident
Brief description	EM - REC SBM release
Location	Drill floor
Subtype/s	Valve failure, Spill
Summary <i>(at notification)</i>	Uncontrolled release of synthetic based mud overboard. Mud losses were noticed during a cement job, volume of release calculated as 205 bbl SBM. A valve appears to have been left open on the cement unit. An investigation is underway to figure out how this occurred.
Details <i>(from final report)</i>	<p>Uncontrolled release of synthetic based mud overboard. Mud losses were noticed during a cement job, volume of release calculated as 205 bbl SBM. A valve appears to have been left open on the cement unit. An investigation is underway to figure out how this occurred.</p> <p>Update, phone call back to Rig Manager included a teleconference with the titleholder representative in Perth Office ([REDACTED]): INPEX has determined that the incident is not reportable based on volume, but is recordable and will be included in monthly report. ENSCO Rig Manager learnt of overboard losses this morning, mud logs through yesterday evening were showing losses but these were assumed to be down hole.</p> <p>Confirmed with Rig Manager that environmental incidents need to be reported by the titleholder, and no standard volume applies, reporting criteria is specified in the EP.</p>
Immediate cause/s	TBC
Root cause/s	
Root cause description	
Release type	Drilling fluid/mud
Equipment	Valves/vents
Liquid (L)	32500

Duty inspector recommendation	
Date	08/09/2017
Duty inspector	[REDACTED]
Recommendation	Do not conduct Major Investigation
Reasoning	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
Supporting considerations	

Major investigation decision	
Date	08/09/2017
Decision	Do not conduct Major Investigation
Reasoning	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
Supporting considerations	

Non-major investigation review and recommendation	
Date	
Inspector	[REDACTED]
Risk gap	Moderate
Type of standard	Established
Initial strategy	Investigate

Recommended follow up strategy	
Recommended strategy	Investigate
Supporting considerations	

Non-major investigation decision	
Date	12/09/2017
RoN	[REDACTED]
RoN review result	Agree with recommendation
Strategy decision	Investigate
Supporting considerations	Information provided in the notification to NOPSEMA will be followed up at the inspection ID 1642

Associated inspection	
Inspection ID	1642