

Notifiable incident

Incident ID [5620](#)

Duty holder: INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd
Facility/Activity: CPF Ichthys Explorer
Facility type: Other platform with accommodation facilities when drilling/workover facilities are not in commission

| Incident details | |
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| Division | Occupational Health and Safety |
| Notification type | Incident |
| Incident date | 08/10/2018 10:00 AM (WST) |
| Notification date | 08/10/2018 01:02 PM (WST) |
| NOPSEMA response date | (WST) |
| Received by | |
| Nearest state | WA |
| Initial category type <i>(based on notification)</i> | Dangerous Occurrence |
| Initial category <i>(based on notification)</i> | Damage to safety-critical equipment |
| 3 Day report received | 11/10/2018 |
| Final report received | 07/11/2018 |
| All required data received | 07/11/2018 |
| Final category type <i>(based on final report)</i> | Dangerous Occurrence |
| Final category <i>(based on final report)</i> | Damage to safety-critical equipment |
| Brief description | OHS-DSCE- Main power generator exhaust surface temperatures exceeding performance standard |
| Location | Deck |
| Subtype/s | Facility integrity |
| Summary <i>(at notification)</i> | <p>Operator advised that during routine camera thermography of main generator exhaust surface temperatures, a maximum temperature of 415 degrees Celsius was recorded adjacent to the louvre actuator.</p> <p>This is a breach of performance standard I-CPF-DC-005.02 for control of ignition sources which currently states a max temp of 200 degrees and is under review.</p> <p>The machine was shut down pending further investigation.</p> |

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| Details <i>(from final report)</i> | <p>Operator advised that during routine camera thermography of main generator exhaust surface temperatures, a maximum temperature of 415 degrees Celsius was recorded adjacent to the louvre actuator.</p> <p>This is a breach of performance standard I-CPF-DC-005.02 for control of ignition sources which currently states a max temp of 200 degrees and is under review.</p> <p>The machine was shut down pending further investigation.</p> <p>Routine Forward Looking Infrared Radiometer (FLIR) camera thermography survey of Main Power Generator (MPG) A, exhaust surface temperature identified a maximum temperature of approx. 415 Deg C adjacent to the louvre actuator. Reported as a dangerous occurrence as it exceeds Safety Case and Performance Standard limits for Control of Ignition Sources I/CPF/DC-05.02.</p> <p>Surveillance assurance tasks associated with hot surfaces were carried out using thermal imaging cameras on the Main Power Generators (MPGs) and Gas Export Compressors (GECs). These tasks commenced pre-gas in, which resulted in the identification of some areas exceeding the project design criteria on the exhaust stack area of the gas turbine machines.</p> <p>After analysis of data gathered on the associated hot spot areas, two causes were identified. It was found that MPG exhaust duct expansion joint had misalignment of internal lagging. It was also identified that a lack of insulation in the exhaust plenum resulted in hot air emission via the gap between duct and gas turbine (GT) enclosure</p> <p>Several modifications were developed involving all relevant parties (INPEX, GE Oil & Gas and Samsung Heavy Industries representatives), and then implemented on the MPG exhaust stacks. A subsequent thermographic survey carried out on the final modifications to MPG-C, verified that all temperature readings have been found to be in the acceptable temperature range less than 2000C.</p> <p>The modifications implemented on MPG-C coupled with the final thermographic survey, now demonstrates that surface temperatures around the GT exhaust is within project specification and meets the safety case requirements.</p> |
| Immediate cause/s | Exhaust surface temperature identified a maximum temperature of approx. 415 Deg C adjacent to the louvre actuator. |
| Root cause/s | ED - DESIGN - Design specs - design not to specs |
| Root cause description | MPG exhaust duct expansion joint has misalignment of internal lagging. A lack of insulation in the exhaust plenum resulting in hot air emission via the gap between duct and gas turbine enclosure. |

| Duty inspector recommendation | |
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| Date | 08/10/2018 |
| Duty inspector |  |
| Recommendation | Do not conduct Major Investigation |
| Reasoning | Does not meet MI threshold based on information received |
| Supporting considerations | |

| Major investigation decision | |
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| Date | 08/10/2018 |
| Decision | Do not conduct Major Investigation |
| Reasoning | Does not meet MI threshold based on information received |
| Supporting considerations | |

| Non-major investigation review and recommendation | |
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| Date | 08/10/2018 |
| Inspector |  |
| Risk gap | Extreme |
| Type of standard | Established |
| Initial strategy | Investigate ASAP |

| Recommended follow up strategy | |
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| Recommended strategy | Investigate ASAP |
| Supporting considerations | The CPF has 3 MPGs - a hot spot was identified for MPG B and was subsequently shutdown per facility OIM [REDACTED] (called him at 1:45 pm 8/10/2018). Finding was routine camera thermography survey of main generator exhaust surface temperatures and that there was good scaffolding access. The high temperature issue apparently can be fixed. Plan is in place to check MPG A & C i.e. scaffolding accesses are being built. 3D report will reflect [REDACTED] |

| Non-major investigation decision | |
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| Date | 08/10/2018 |
| RoN | [REDACTED] |
| RoN review result | Agree with recommendation |
| Strategy decision | Investigate ASAP |
| Supporting considerations | Agreed. |

| Associated inspection | |
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| Inspection ID | 1890 |