

# Notifiable incident

**Incident ID** [6361](#)

**Duty holder:** Shell Australia Pty Ltd  
**Facility/Activity:** Prelude FLNG  
**Facility type:** Floating liquefied natural gas facility

Incident details	
<b>Division</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Notification type</b>	Incident
<b>Incident date</b>	03/02/2020 02:20 AM (WST)
<b>Notification date</b>	03/02/2020 10:34 AM (WST)
<b>NOPSEMA response date</b>	03/02/2020 10:45 AM (WST)
<b>Received by</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Nearest state</b>	WA
<b>Initial category type</b> <i>(based on notification)</i>	Dangerous Occurrence
<b>Initial category</b> <i>(based on notification)</i>	Unplanned event - implement emergency response plan
<b>3 Day report received</b>	07/02/2020
<b>Final report received</b>	01/05/2020
<b>All required data received</b>	01/05/2020
<b>Final category type</b> <i>(based on final report)</i>	Dangerous Occurrence
<b>Final category</b> <i>(based on final report)</i>	Unplanned event - implement emergency response plan
<b>Brief description</b>	OHS - UPE Loss of Power Resulting in GA and Muster
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Subtype/s</b>	Emergency response, Muster, Power failure
<b>Summary</b> <i>(at notification)</i>	While transitioning from Main Steam Generator to Emergency Diesel Generator, Steam Turbine generator tripped resulting in a loss of power which resulted in a loss of plant air leading to and ESD and EDP resulting in a full muster. Muster was completed in 10 minutes and power restored.

<p><b>Details</b> (from final report)</p>	<p>While transitioning from Main Steam Generator to Emergency Diesel Generator, Steam Turbine generator tripped resulting in a loss of power which resulted in a loss of plant air leading to and ESD and EDP resulting in a full muster. Muster was completed in 10 minutes and power restored.</p> <p><b>** As Supplied bu Duty Holder**</b></p> <p>Brief description of incident - On tripping of the breakers on STG the EDGs (2 off) tripped. This caused a temporary power outage</p> <p>Work or activity being undertaken at time of incident - Switching power load from Steam Turbines Generators to Essential Diesel Generators</p> <p>What are the internal investigation arrangements? Causal Reasoning Investigation</p> <p>How effective was the emergency response? Effective Response and full muster achieved.</p> <p>Will the equipment be shut down? Yes. Steam Production System has been shut down. Essential Diesel Generators Restarted.</p> <p>Immediate action taken/intended, if any, to prevent recurrence of incident - Power restored on EDGs to support life support and essential services. Responsible - Prelude OIM. Completion Date - Completed</p> <p>What were the immediate causes of the incident? Under Investigation</p> <p><b>** As Supplied by Duty Holder**</b></p> <p>Has the investigation been completed? Yes</p> <p>Root cause 1 High cooling water return temperature caused EDG-10 to trip Root cause 2 Reduced flow through cooling water heat exchangers caused the high cooling water temperature Root cause 3 Marine fouling due to reliability issues with the ECU caused the reduced flow Other root causes - The load being carried by EDG-10 was instantaneously transferred to EDG-30, which exceeded what EDG-30 could handle, causing it to also trip.</p> <p>Full Report: A Causal Learning investigation was conducted by a team facilitated by the Senior Incident Investigation Coach and composing of onshore and offshore personnel including; Technical Health and Safety Manager, Electrical Engineer, Energy and Utilities Engineer, and a Production Technician.</p> <p>The team gathered data through interviews with personnel directly involved in the incident as well as witnesses and subject matter experts from Operations, Maintenance, and Engineering; review of operational logs; and photos of the relevant areas of the asset.</p> <p>The investigation team determined that the opening of the breakers on the STG coincided with - but did not cause - the EDG trip, as originally suspected.</p> <p>As detailed within the root causes area above the investigation team identified that the power loss occurred when both EDG 10 and 30 sequentially tripped due to the presence of a high cooling water return temperature and load exceedance respectively.</p> <p>Actions to prevent recurrence of same or similar incident: Action - Complete separate ECU reliability investigation (bus duct covers, gearboxes, ECU pump, line cleaning). Responsible - EPST Team Lead, Engineering Manager. Completion Date - 30 June 2020. Action - Ensure that a process is established to regularly review the SW1 Performance, and carry out remedial activities (e.g. intrusive cleaning) as required to maintain performance at specified levels. Responsible - Utilities Surveillance Team Lead. Completion Date - 1 June 2020 Action - Check and align the operation of SW1 system with Basis of Design. Responsible - Utilities Surveillance Team Lead. Completion Date - 1 July 2020.</p>
<p><b>Immediate cause/s</b></p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p><b>Root cause/s</b></p>	

<b>Root cause description</b>	<p>Root cause 1 High cooling water return temperature caused EDG-10 to trip</p> <p>Root cause 2 Reduced flow through cooling water heat exchangers caused the high cooling water temperature</p> <p>Root cause 3 Marine fouling due to reliability issues with the ECU caused the reduced flow</p> <p>Other root causes - The load being carried by EDG-10 was instantaneously transferred to EDG-30, which exceeded what EDG-30 could handle, causing it to also trip.</p>
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### Duty inspector recommendation

<b>Date</b>	03/02/2020
<b>Duty inspector</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not conduct Major Investigation
<b>Reasoning</b>	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	

### Major investigation decision

<b>Date</b>	03/02/2020
<b>Decision</b>	Do not conduct Major Investigation
<b>Reasoning</b>	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	

### Non-major investigation review and recommendation

<b>Date</b>	03/02/2020
<b>Inspector</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Risk gap</b>	Nominal
<b>Type of standard</b>	Established
<b>Initial strategy</b>	Inclusion in annual stats/data analysis

### Recommended follow up strategy

<b>Recommended strategy</b>	Investigate
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	<p>Note that the failure/trip was from the Essential Diesel Generators, not Emergency Diesel Generators. The inspectors understand that the Emergency Diesel Generators have remained functional. Emergency power has not been lost.</p> <p>Investigate as part of notification 6360 (HP Steam Leak / Trip). Risk is not serious/significant, but this has resulted in a series of cascading General Alarms and Musters (including 6362) . It is recommended that this be included in the investigation for 6360.</p>

### Non-major investigation decision

<b>Date</b>	09/07/2020
<b>RoN</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>RoN review result</b>	Agree with recommendation
<b>Strategy decision</b>	Inclusion in annual report stats / data analysis
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	

### Associated inspection

<b>Inspection ID</b>	
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