

Notifiable incident

Incident ID [6442](#)

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

| Incident details | |
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| Division | Occupational Health and Safety |
| Notification type | Incident |
| Incident date | 27/03/2020 05:10 PM (WST) |
| Notification date | 28/03/2020 01:31 PM (WST) |
| NOPSEMA response date | 28/03/2020 02:36 PM (WST) |
| Received by | [REDACTED] |
| Nearest state | WA |
| Initial category type <i>(based on notification)</i> | Dangerous Occurrence |
| Initial category <i>(based on notification)</i> | Unplanned event - implement emergency response plan |
| 3 Day report received | 30/03/2020 |
| Final report received | 30/03/2020 |
| All required data received | 30/03/2020 |
| Final category type <i>(based on final report)</i> | Dangerous Occurrence |
| Final category <i>(based on final report)</i> | Unplanned event - implement emergency response plan |
| Brief description | OHS-UPE-Medevac for non work related illness |
| Location | |
| Subtype/s | Illness |
| Summary <i>(at notification)</i> | <p>Operator advised that a member of the workforce was contacted to advise that he been in close contact with a person on a flight from Sydney to Perth on 18/03/2020 who had subsequently been confirmed to have the Covid 19 Virus.</p> <p>The worker (inlec) had joined the facility on 23/03/2020 after a stay in Perth due to suffering from a cold.</p> <p>He reported to the medic onboard and as a precaution was medivaced from the facility and transferred to Perth by care flight for self isolation on 28/03/2020</p> <p>He will be tested and his condition monitored.</p> <p>All persons who the worker had contact with onboard have been mapped and are being monitored and no further action is planned at this stage</p> |
| Details <i>(from final report)</i> | <p>Operator advised that a member of the workforce was contacted to advise that he been in close contact with a person on a flight from Sydney to Perth on 18/03/2020 who had subsequently been confirmed to have the Covid 19 Virus.</p> <p>The worker (inlec) had joined the facility on 23/03/2020 after a stay in Perth due to suffering from a cold.</p> <p>He reported to the medic onboard and as a precaution was medivaced from the facility and transferred to Perth by care flight for self isolation on 28/03/2020</p> |

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**** As Supplied by Duty Holder****

Brief Description - Non work related (NWR) precautionary Medevac

Work or activity being undertaken at time of incident - Crew change mobilisation;
What happened:

- IP notified by WA Health Department (27th March) that he had been identified as a close contact of a person who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on flight QF581 from Sydney to Perth arriving on 18/03/2020
- IP had mobilised to facility from Perth 23/3/20 as Field Production Technician

Current status: IP demobilised to Perth for quarantine

What are the internal investigation arrangements? Nil

Immediate action taken/intended, if any, to prevent recurrence of incident:

Action - On notification from WA Health Department, IP reported event to Team Leader and reported to Medic. Medic assessed individual and IP placed in quarantine. Responsible - Affected individual.
Completion Date - 27 March 2020

Action - Company Dr notified and confirming the following:

- o IP not confirmed positive
- o IP not suspected
- o IP remains asymptomatic

Approval obtained from WA Health Department to demobilise IP via dedicated medevac to Broome and onward journey to Perth via Careflight
Responsible - Shell Health. Completion Date - 28 March 2020 - medivac successfully completed 1115hrs 28/3/2020

Action - Prudent close contact tracing completed but no action required at this point. Responsible - Prelude HSSE Advisor. Completion Date - 28th March 2020

Action - IP to serve quarantine period in Perth. Responsible - Affected Individual. Completion Date - 12 April 2020

What were the immediate causes of the incident?

- IP notified by WA Health Department that they had been identified as a close contact of a person who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on flight QF581 from Sydney to Perth arriving on 18/03/2020
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Has the investigation been completed? Yes

Root cause 1 - IP notified by WA Health Department that he had been identified as a close contact of a person who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on flight QF581 from Sydney to Perth arriving on 18/03/2020

Root cause 2 IP had mobilised to facility from Perth 23/3/20 as Field Production Technician

Full Report - Incident not subject to investigation – cause well understood and no gaps in procedures identified.

Emergency response procedures were initiated, and the IP was medevac'd and subsequently placed in Company supported quarantine in alignment with company response to COVID 19 requirements.

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| Immediate cause/s | TBC |
| Root cause/s | |

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| Root cause description | Root cause 1 - IP notified by WA Health Department that he had been identified as a close contact of a person who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on flight QF581 from Sydney to Perth arriving on 18/03/2020 Root cause 2 IP had mobilised to facility from Perth 23/3/20 as Field Production Technician |
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Duty inspector recommendation

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| Date | 30/03/2020 |
| Duty inspector | [REDACTED] |
| 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 | 30/03/2020 |
| 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 | 30/03/2020 |
| Inspector | [REDACTED] |
| Risk gap | Substantial |
| Type of standard | Established |
| Initial strategy | Investigate within 45 days |

Recommended follow up strategy

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| Recommended strategy | Investigate within 45 days |
| Supporting considerations | Suspected case of COVID-19. Medevac arrangements implemented. The IP travelled interstate, was not quarantined, had a cold and still was sent to the facility. Shell management of COVID-19 to be investigated. This investigation can be coupled with the Shell inspection regarding general management of COVID-19 on 31/03/2020. |

Non-major investigation decision

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| Date | 30/03/2020 |
| RoN | [REDACTED] |
| RoN review result | Disagree with recommendation |
| Strategy decision | Investigate ASAP |
| Supporting considerations | to be investigated ASAP give the implications wrt interstate travel and ineffective quarantine practices |

Associated inspection

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| Inspection ID | 2196 |
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