

# Notifiable incident

**Incident ID** [5302](#)

**Duty holder:** INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd  
**Facility/Activity:** Ichthys Venturer  
**Facility type:** Floating production storage and offloading facility

Incident details	
<b>Division</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>Notification type</b>	Incident
<b>Incident date</b>	23/02/2018 09:20 PM (WST)
<b>Notification date</b>	03/03/2018 01:37 PM (WST)
<b>NOPSEMA response date</b>	03/03/2018 01:52 PM (WST)
<b>Received by</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Nearest state</b>	WA
<b>Initial category type</b> <i>(based on notification)</i>	Accident
<b>Initial category</b> <i>(based on notification)</i>	Incapacitation >= 3 days LTI
<b>3 Day report received</b>	05/03/2018
<b>Final report received</b>	23/03/2018
<b>All required data received</b>	23/03/2018
<b>Final category type</b> <i>(based on final report)</i>	Accident
<b>Final category</b> <i>(based on final report)</i>	Incapacitation >= 3 days LTI
<b>Brief description</b>	OHS - DOLTI - Crew member suffered laceration on right thumb
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Subtype/s</b>	Injury
<b>Summary</b> <i>(at notification)</i>	<p>At 21:10 hours (WST) on 23 February 2018 on the Ichthys Venturer FPSO the IP was conducting a mechanical line-up inspection within Module 9 Level 4, and was required to operate and bleed valve S222- MV0104. When operating the valve handle the IP caught his hand on an exposed perforated stainless steel heat shielding sharp edge and sustained a laceration to the right hand which required 3 sutures. The IP was wearing gloves at the time of the event. IP returned to normal duties.</p> <p>Over a period of three (3) days the IP was monitored by the Doctor offshore who recommended that the IP see a Specialist on 28 February as a medical procedure may be required.</p> <p>The IP departed the facility on 27 February, by routine transfer helicopter where he subsequently saw a Specialist who advised a medical procedure was required.</p> <p>In view of this development, the Facility OIM at 13:51 hours (WST) on 3 March 2018 verbally notified NOPSEMA that this event was being reclassified as a lost time injury. There was no activation of the FPSO Emergency Response Plan. An investigation commenced.</p> <p>This incident was not originally notified to NOPSEMA on the date of occurrence as it was seen as Medical Treatment (MTC). Since then, the IP injury didn't improve and a medical procedure has been recommended elevating the classification to LTI.</p>

<b>Details</b> <i>(from final report)</i>	<p>At 21:10 hours (WST) on 23 February 2018 on the Ichthys Venturer FPSO the IP was conducting a mechanical line-up inspection within Module 9 Level 4, and was required to operate and bleed valve S222- MV0104. When operating the valve handle the IP caught his hand on an exposed perforated stainless steel heat shielding sharp edge and sustained a laceration to the right hand which required 3 sutures. The IP was wearing gloves at the time of the event. IP returned to normal duties.</p> <p>Over a period of three (3) days the IP was monitored by the Doctor offshore who recommended that the IP see a Specialist on 28 February as a medical procedure may be required.</p> <p>The IP departed the facility on 27 February, by routine transfer helicopter where he subsequently saw a Specialist who advised a medical procedure was required.</p> <p>In view of this development, the Facility OIM at 13:51 hours (WST) on 3 March 2018 verbally notified NOPSEMA that this event was being reclassified as a lost time injury. There was no activation of the FPSO Emergency Response Plan. An investigation commenced.</p> <p>This incident was not originally notified to NOPSEMA on the date of occurrence as it was seen as Medical Treatment (MTC). Since then, the IP injury didn't improve and a medical procedure has been recommended elevating the classification to LTI.</p>
<b>Immediate cause/s</b>	IP caught his hand on an exposed perforated stainless steel heat shielding sharp edge and sustained a laceration. The IP did not identify the sharp edges to the exposed perforated heat shield mesh that had been exposed during a previous task.
<b>Root cause/s</b>	HPD - HUMAN ENGINEERING - Work environment - equipment guard NI
<b>Root cause description</b>	Equipment Guard Needs Improvement: Heat shielding mesh had not been reinstated after completion of leak testing campaign

<b>Duty inspector recommendation</b>	
<b>Date</b>	06/03/2018
<b>Duty inspector</b>	██████████
<b>Recommendation</b>	Do not conduct Major Investigation
<b>Reasoning</b>	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	

<b>Major investigation decision</b>	
<b>Date</b>	06/03/2018
<b>Decision</b>	Do not conduct Major Investigation
<b>Reasoning</b>	Does not meet MI threshold based on information received
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	

<b>Non-major investigation review and recommendation</b>	
<b>Date</b>	06/03/2018
<b>Inspector</b>	██████████
<b>Risk gap</b>	Moderate
<b>Type of standard</b>	Interpretative
<b>Initial strategy</b>	Investigate

<b>Recommended follow up strategy</b>	
<b>Recommended strategy</b>	Investigate
<b>Supporting considerations</b>	Consequence - significant (hand operation and LTI). Benchmark likelihood - remote, actual likelihood (as demonstrated) - possible. Risk gap = moderate. Interpretive standards in relation to guarding, PPE, ergonomics. An investigation is justified to understand the prevalence of this risk and how the operator has generalised their investigation findings.

**Non-major investigation decision**

Date	06/03/2018
RoN	[REDACTED]
RoN review result	Agree with recommendation
Strategy decision	Investigate
Supporting considerations	

**Associated inspection**

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