

Type of Incident Discharge Spools Collapse at Column Cell 2

Key Issues Pipe Support Failure & Stored Weight

SAP Incident No Incident ID 94773

Date & Time Monday 25th July, 2022 @ 12.00pm

Location Mill Flotation Building, Folomian

Injury Nil

DESCRIPTION

On 25th July 2022 at approximately 12.00pm, a steel spool pipe on the discharge line from column cell 2 collapsed. Approximately 4 hours later, a separate section of poly pipe on the same discharge line collapsed (15m away from the first).



There were a lack of pipe supports in the pipeline and several existing pipe supports had failed through corrosion. The pipeline had additional weight due to the accumulation of settled process solids.

LESSONS

- Formal structural inspections must also consider pipe supports.
- Ensure all identified risks requiring attention are risk ranked and logged in the Structural Remediation Register.
- Identified hazards/failures for critical equipment/structures within the plant are to be escalated immediately.

ACTIONS

- Review the design of existing pipe clamps and hanging supports for its suitability.
- Immediately inspect the condition of all pipe supports within the Process Plant.
- Update the Structural Assessment program to include pipe supports.
- Development and instigation of pipeline flush procedure.

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