

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Incident Summary – December 2020



Background

The following incidents were reported in December 2020. Medium and High Reasonable Potential for Harm (RPH) incidents are covered in more detail in separate alerts.

Practical Guidance

12-07-20, Fort Simpson, NTPC Incident, Low RPH

- Event: Worker caught finger in door.
- Response: Worker iced finger and took pain medication, no medical treatment required.

12-08-20, Inuvik, Public Incident, Low RPH

- Event: Member of the public wearing a mask ignored posted signs and entered Customer Service office asking where to receive a COVID test.
- Response: Person was asked to leave, door handle disinfected and Building Manager notified.

12-10-20, Snare Hydro, NTPC Incident, Medium RPH

- Event: Snare Falls unit taken offline due to loss of oil. As a precautionary measure spill booms were deployed three weeks before unit was shut down. While unit was shut down an oil sheen was noticed in the tailrace. Approximately 408 L of oil was lost from the system since June.
- Response: Level 2 Emergency declared. Unit was drained of oil and replaced with high viscosity lubricant. Spill reported to regulator. Unit will be closely monitored until the summer when it can be safely taken offline to determine a permanent solution.

12-11-20, Deline, Public Incident, Low RPH

- Event: 3rd party vehicle slid into plant fence, damaging the fence and gate
- Response: Incident reported to RCMP. Fence temporarily secured until permanent repairs can be made.

12-14-20, Bluefish, NTPC Incident, High RPH

- Event: CO₂ system released due to an equipment malfunction, no fire or injuries.
- Response: Manufacturer investigating cause of the malfunction. Workers to wear portable CO₂ detectors and breathing apparatus when in turbine hall.

12-21-20, Snare, NTPC Incident, Low RPH

- Event: Vehicle slid into ditch at km 2 while pulling over to let another vehicle pass.
- Response: Vehicle pulled from ditch, roads to be graded.

12-30-20, Tsiigehtchic, Public Incident, Low RPH

- Event: 3rd party snowmobile damaged NWTel guy wire.
- Response: RCMP and NWTel notified, NTPC pole to be assessed for damages.