

Safety Alert

From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

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PRESSURIZED CARGO HOSE NEAR MISS INCIDENTS

WHAT HAPPENED:

Several vessel operators have experienced near-miss incidents involving pressurized hoses being transferred to the vessels from offshore facilities. One company's vessel personnel have reported 14 of these near-miss incidents.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

The cargo hoses were not equipped with a valve at the end of the hose.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

One company has instructed its vessels to not accept any cargo hose on any vessel that is not equipped with a valve at the end of the hose. This company feels that this immediate solution will prevent further pressurized cargo hose incidents. The company feels that this is the only option currently available to protect their vessel personnel from injury. At least two major operators are supporting this effort.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.