



Burn to Arm

What Happened?

A layer of paint needed to be removed from a section of pipe in preparation for a welding operation to take place. The team normally used for this operation were involved in welding joints on another section of the pipe line.

A second team were set to work removing the paint layer. The process involved heating an area of pipe with a blow torch to allow the paint layer to be scraped off.

On completion of the work the IP lent against the pipe causing a minor burn to the forearm.

Lessons for the Group

Ensure members of team are experienced and competent to carry out the work

Ensure team undertaking work is fully briefed on work process, and hazards involved.

Protect exposed hot areas from site team.

Correct PPE to be used for hot work: Goggles / face mask. Long sleeve flame retardant work wear, ensure sleeves are rolled down covering arms, gloves, for hot work protection. Appropriate mask, determined by risk assessment of product being used.

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