

High Potential Incident Alert - 190

November 2015

Corroded grating on Monotower

A crew member was visiting the normally unmanned Monotower facility when his foot went through a badly corroded walkway grating.

Pieces of grating fell about 3.5 metres to the deck below and one corner of the grating panel dropped several centimetres.

While this was unlikely to result in a fatality, if any personnel had fallen through the grating to the deck below they could have been seriously injured.



CRITICAL FACTORS

There had been an extended period between visits to this facility, and the hazard had not been identified.

KEY LESSONS

Visual inspection of other grating on the facility was undertaken.

All grating is now monitored for corrosion.

The frequency of visits to unmanned facilities has been reviewed.