

Break-Out Session 2

LPG/LNG Inspection Focus and Techniques Group 3

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3. Technical Measures



Discussion about reliabity of arm and hoses for loading and unloading LPG

- Bunkering of ship should be made by loading arms.
- Small ships and can be loaded by hoses in case it is normal steel hoses
- The hoses should be made of stainless steel quality is important
- Loading arms for permament solution
- Hoses for back up situations when arms are in maintenance work.
- Fire test in Sweden connected with steel loading hose reduction of clearence (distance)
- Hoses have limited lifetime
- Fixed hoses problems with inspection (test) of them.



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- Overpressure:
- Double check for tanks: high level and HH alarm
- Many counttris have automatic system of preventing of overfilling few second after alarm system stops
- When operator stops it take more of time
- To avoid overfilling of car tanks the drivers need to be special trained
- This could be a subject of Seveso inspections
- Overpressure valves are not mandatory
- There is a problem with valves when it comes to two phases leackage (cold conditions)
- Weather conditions need to be taken into account during loading of tanks
- Different level of maximum filling for unuderground and above ground tanks
- BLEVE accident during the transportation of LPG