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ALERT
Technical Safety BC releases
Kamloops Ammonia Release Investigation Report

This Information Bulletin is intended to promote awareness of the investigation findings and recommendations reported by Technical Safety BC.

“Vancouver, BC (January 26, 2023) – Technical Safety BC is urging owners, operators, and those who work with ammonia refrigeration systems to be more vigilant following an investigation into a fatal ammonia incident at an ice making facility in the Mount Paul Industrial Park located on Tkemlúps te Secwépemc reserve in Kamloops.

The incident on May 26, 2022, led to a significant amount of ammonia being released into the surrounding area resulting in one fatality, multiple exposures, a local evacuation, and the temporary shutdown of nearby businesses.”

The investigation report and related documents may be accessed on the Technical Safety BC website:

https://www.technicalsaftybc.ca/technologies/refrigeration/kamloops-ammonia-release?utm_source=meltwater-newswire&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=kamloops-ammonia-release

Recommendations for ammonia safety following fatal Kamloops incident may be accessed on the Technical Safety BC website:

<https://www.technicalsaftybc.ca/learn-about/technical-safety-bc/latest-news/tsbc-releases-recommendations-for-ammonia-safety-following-fatal-kamloops-incident>

Owners and operators of ammonia refrigeration systems are encouraged to review this report as a case study from which learnings may be taken to help improve safety.

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