

# Health & Safety News Flash



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## **PERMENANT PLATFORM INSPECTION**

You will be aware of the STA's continuing cooperation with the US Source Evaluation Society. The STA is establishing reciprocal arrangements with its US counterpart for sharing incident and near-miss information across our organisations.

You should be aware that there has been a **fatality** in the US due to a fall during stack monitoring

A quick review of the report suggests that the death was caused by the plant operator failing to inspect the condition of the permanent platform routinely, leading to corrosion and failure of the floor section while the stack engineer was at work.

We are recommending that Members seek evidence from the operator of routine inspection and assessment of any permanent platforms before starting work.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT IS TO LATE.**

Sent out on behalf of STA Health & Safety Task Group.

If you have any questions please contact Dave Curtis, 01462 457535.

The H&S committee will be reviewing the reports in detail and will make a report for the next H&S bullitin.

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