

# *Asbestos Management and other Marine Issues*

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# *Information - Complaint*

- *Information received by DoIR*
  - *Asbestos aboard the vessel*
  - *Failure to manage the hazard*
- *Commonwealth Adjacent Area*
  - *PSLA 67<sup>1</sup>*
  - *Schedule 7 OH&S + OH&S Regs*
  - *Asbestos Prohibition*
- *DoIR Inspected the vessel*



# *What we found . . .*

- *Partial Survey Dec-03 - Amosite*
- *Recommendations not implemented*
- *Report amosite < chrysotile<sup>2</sup>*
- *Inspection - little change since survey*
- *Not the only vessel with asbestos*
- *Vessel was audited recently*



# *Action by DoIR*

- *Met with senior management*
- *Immediate hazard*
  - *Improvement Notice*
- *Is the Contractor responsive? - YES very*
- *Continuing engagement*
  - *Immediate - Yes*
  - *Long term issues - Ongoing*



# Asbestos

- *Serious Issue<sup>2</sup>*
  - *Marine industry high rates of disease*
  - *Australia high rates of disease*
- *Emotive issue*
  - *Communications with workforce*
  - *Training*
  - *Information*
  - *co-operative relationship with workforce*
  - *Where this breaks down complaints are made to DoIR*
- *Not the Only marine issue*



# *Other Issues*

- *General suitability of vessels for offshore operations*
  - *Adequate size*
  - *Station keeping*
  - *Appropriate for the work*
- *Why should Operators audit vessels?*
  - *This is a clear example of why thorough audits should be conducted*
  - *Exposure of personnel to hazards*
  - *Corporate Liability*



# *What's on the Horizon?*

- *Marine Safe Forum*
  - *Learn from incidents*
  - *Opportunity to show good practice to*
    - *Regulators*
    - *Clients*



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