



Safety is Today, Health is Tomorrow

November saw another food borne illness, this time in Fahud where 85 contractors were medically treated by the PAC and PDO Doctors. The symptoms were not severe and the workers were able to return to work the same day with only minor discomfort and medical treatment. The investigation did not identify the cause of the illness, however, it highlights the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene and only eating food that is stored and prepared under the correct temperature control. The report and findings will be finalised soon.

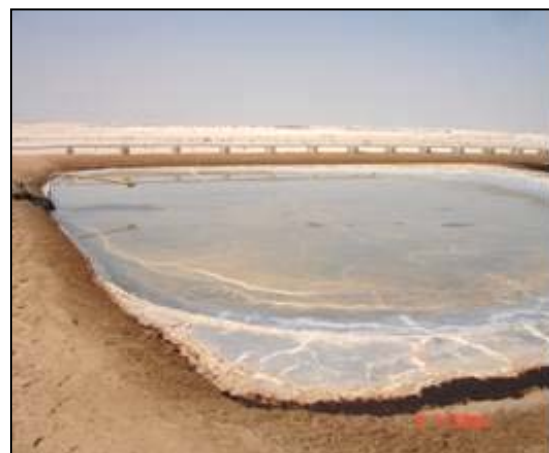
NORM training was conducted in Bahja on 30 and 31 October, in Nimr on 14 November and Yibal on 29 November. The competency based training consists of three sessions. The first session consists of general awareness and is designed for workers likely to be exposed to NORM. The second session is designed for supervisors and explores SP 1170 V3.0 and the systems of work i.e. using the PtW and the Reporting Forms. The third session is designed for those required to use the NORM Meters. The course runs for half a day and attendees are given the skills and tools to effectively manage NORM in their daily operations. See the NORM webpage for further details <http://sww1.pdo.shell.om/dept/cd/csm/health/ionisingradiation.htm>

Location & Date	General Awareness	Awareness for Supervisors	RPT (Meter User)
Bahja 30/10/05	24	18	10
Bahja 31/10/05	4	4	4
Nimr 14/11/05	26	16	14
Yibal 29/11/05	35		
Total	89	38	28

In addition to the training, site visits to the Al-Noor production station, evaporation pond and wells were conducted to assess the NORM risk. Discussions were held with the operators and several measurements were conducted of the station, pond and surrounds. The results will be updated in the NORM Surveys available from the MSE NORM Webpage. Whilst the risk to workers is low, there is a risk to those performing maintenance or cleaning activities in this Station. Operators and contractors must follow the procedures outlined in SP 1170 V3.0 when opening equipment in this area.



Ali Hinai (OSO/BN) monitoring for NORM in Al-Noor



NORM contaminated evaporation pond in Al-Noor.



The NORM storage Yard in Bahja is open and accepting contaminated NORM waste from other Assets. Please give the New Contractors Maqshan Services your support by notifying them well in advance of any shipments. Contact the Site Manager: Nilesh on Tel: 2460 1438, GSM: 9936 8752 or Gautam on: 9922 1925. Note: there are still many NORM contaminated tubulars going to the yard without end caps. Hoists are requested to end cap all tubulars and any scale from milling etc which is NORM contaminated should be deposited into sealed drums. Recent training in Bahja showed highly contaminated scale in an unsealed bulky bag.

During a visit to the north, chemical handling awareness training was conducted in Fahud to 70 attendees and an inspection was conducted of the sewerage treatment plant in Lekhwair. Due to the influx of contractor staff the sewerage plant cannot cope and is overflowing. This is causing flies to breed heavily and the area smells which has lead to several complaints. Control measures of removing the sewage to an abandoned pit have temporary solved the problem until the extension to the existing facility can be completed.