Bitumen Spill

WHAT HAPPENED

A bitumen delivery lorry ejected part of its load through an inspection hatch when swings bolts on the tanker became slack. The tanker, when pressurised ready for discharge, allowed pressurised bitumen to escape through the inspection hatch at the rear of the tanker spraying very high temperature bitumen into the surrounding area.

This incident could have resulted in serious injuries and an ongoing thorough investigation is being carried out with the bitumen supplier.



Aftermath of Bitumen Spill

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

LOCATION:	ASPHALT/COATING PLANT	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING	DATE ISSUED:	08/05/2007
SUB ACTIVITY:	AGGREGATE PROCESSING	INCIDENT No:	00127