

Ethanolamines/Glycol Ethers Tier 3 Policy

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2000 Quick Disconnects And Bleeds:

1.0 **objective:**

- 1.1 To clearly define the plant's position and policy with respect to the use of flexible hoses and the safe handling of these hoses to ensure the safety of our personnel.

2.0 **Responsibility:**

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of plant supervision to enforce this policy.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of plant personnel to adhere to this policy at all times.

3.0 **Policy:**

- 3.1 Due to two (2) recent incidents and other incidents in the past, we felt it necessary to issue a plant policy covering the use of flexible hoses with quick disconnect couplings and bleeds that positively relieve the pressure on the hose prior to attempting the disconnect. Unlike flanges or screwed connections, a quick disconnect coupled hose cannot be gradually opened and once loosened it cannot be reconnected with any pressure on the system. as a result, we will now require that a bleed valve be installed on one end of any continuous run of flexible hose that uses quick disconnect couplings. The bleeds need to be at or close enough to the disconnect that pressure on the hose can be readily determined without the possibility of hidden or remotely located valves that would hinder the depressure process.

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