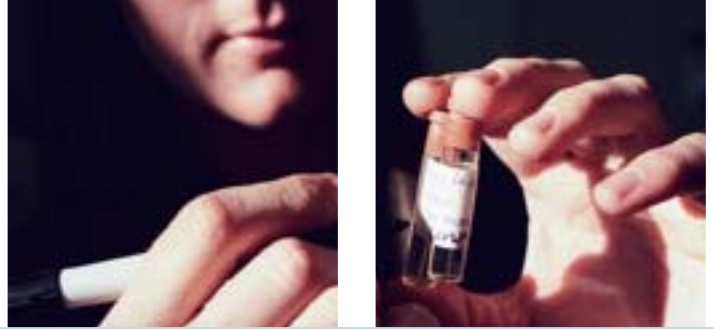




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Vehicles

We discover why:

- the engine failed prematurely but not because of a design fault
- the alloy wheel fractured – whether it was the cause or the consequence of the impact
- an expensive vehicle recall is not required
- servicing routines need to be changed to prevent further failures



Electrical

We discover why:

- logs of the operation of the system are the key to the cause of the accident
- the fuse failed and whether short term or long term electrical overload was the major factor
- the system on which the electrician was working became re-energised
- electrical arcing was able to develop into a fire



Environmental

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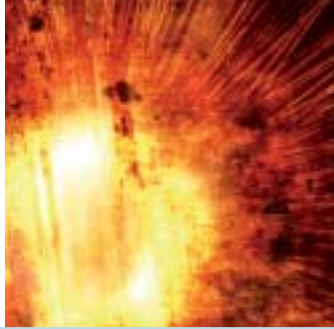
- poor installation of components rather than faulty manufacture of components was the cause of the flooding
- the water that flooded the basement came from natural ground water and NOT leaking mains
- the problems of ground stability were not foreseeable
- the watercourse became polluted and where the chemical came from



Railways

We discover why:

- the derailment started where and when it did
- a component failure on the train can be ruled out
- part of the train did not derail
- repair, maintenance and inspection history of the failed parts is important in this case



Contamination

We discover why:

- the estimate of the cost of cleaning is not reasonable
- the standard of cleaning is not acceptable
- there are still risks to employees' health resulting from the contaminants even after cleaning
- it is clear that the equipment or stock was dirty before the incident

Explosions

We discover why:

- the fire preceded the explosion
- any breach of the Gas regulations was not relevant to the cause of the explosion
- the damage and extent of the blast were greater than might be expected
- mechanical or process failures were a contributory cause

Processes

We discover why:

- the condition of the pressure relief valve was a factor in the discharge of steam
- stress corrosion cracking is attributable to the use of unclean steam
- the failure to follow an approved weld procedure caused the accident
- plant failure was inevitable given the failure to follow approved operating procedures

Product Liability

We discover why:

- customer misuse was the cause of the failure and not poor design
- the design should be modified for the future to produce a "Failsafe" position for the manufacturer
- the Trading Standards agency should not bring a prosecution on the evidence available
- the product does not need to be recalled

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