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Hawkins

Leaders in forensic investigation

Chemical Incidents

Chemical incidents can be dangerous and costly to rectify. We specialise in determining the cause of an incident and providing regulatory, remediation and reinstatement advice.



Managing Chemical Risks Effectively

Understanding chemical properties, aids effective incident management, limiting damage to property and infrastructure, while assisting in remediation.

Some chemicals require specialist handling and containment and non-compliance can cause injuries or even fatalities. At Hawkins, we have extensive experience dealing with incidents involving:

- Equipment failure, chemical incompatibility and non-compliance with specifications.
- Contamination, undesired reactions, and lapses in safety protocols, risk assessment, and knowledge.
- Failure of pipework and rubber seals due to chemical incompatibility.
- Clogging of machinery filters arising from incorrect preparation procedures.
- Supply chain contamination.
- Fires resulting from uncontrolled self-heating of a variety of chemicals and materials.
- Property damage due to chemical degradation, from both deliberate and accidental exposure.
- Personal injuries, including from toxic gas inhalation, arising from a lack of knowledge of chemical hazards and poor labelling of containers and tanks.

How Hawkins Can Help



- We inspect damage and can advise on the scope of works, the success of remediation work and where further improvements are required.
- We arrange targeted and relevant chemical analysis and subsequent interpretation of results in the specific context of the issue at hand.
- We review relevant regulations and guidance to advise on safe and regulatory compliant working procedures.
- We can provide advice at all stages of the legal process, whether it be for the courts, arbitration or for other types of proceedings.
- We assist our clients in understanding their legal roles and regulatory responsibilities.

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What we do

Hawkins is a multi-disciplinary forensic practice established in 1980. With a recognised and growing global presence, we have over 150 experts providing worldwide coverage from offices in Europe, MEA, and Asia, as well as key locations across the UK & Ireland. Our team of experienced investigators is able to provide advice and assistance at any stage of an incident, along with ongoing support and guidance for the future.



PRE-FAILURE RISK MANAGEMENT

Guidance on design, installation, and regulations to ensure safety, compliance, and risk reduction.



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Scientific investigation into all aspects of an incident to determine what happened, why and in what sequence.



EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

Independent and impartial technical advice, including quantum & delay services to assist Counsel during all aspects of litigation.



POST-FAILURE ADVICE

Consultancy advice to reduce, mitigate and prevent risks associated with similar events happening in the future.



MAJOR & COMPLEX LOSS

Global resources and multidisciplinary teams, armed with the knowledge, equipment and facilities to manage and investigate major and complex incidents.