# Safety Alert

**Number:** 25-04

**Subject:** Spill During Bulk Transfer

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## What Happened / Narrative

During offshore operations the vessel was lined up to receive Offshore Contaminated Bulk Liquid (Slops) from the rig. When the transfer started the bridge crew noticed a spray / mist from the strainer on the port side.

An "All stop" was called and rig quickly stopped the transfer. Approximately 4 litres were estimated to have leaked onto the vessels deck through an open strainer vent cock and 1 litre is estimated to have been sprayed onto the sea.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

After recent strainer checks and maintenance the vent cock had not been closed. Pre-start checks for the bulk transfer did not capture the fact that the vent cock was open.
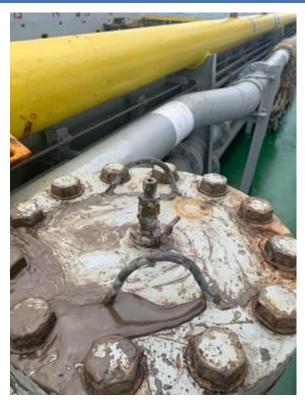
## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

A Time Out For Safety was held by both shifts.

The wet bulk transfer risk assessment, toolbox talk and checklist have been updated to include checks of the strainer vent cocks.

An experience transfer was raised to share findings with other vessels within the fleet.

Planned Maintenance System task updated to include confirming all valves are in the correct position on completion of maintenance.

## Photographs / Supporting Information