

## S32 – Toolbox Talk Open Bodies of Water & Lagoons

The major hazards that must be considered when working on open bodies of water and lagoons are:

- Drowning, and
  - Structural failure of the lagoon.
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- Never work on or close to a silt pond without permission from your manager
  - Never work alone
  - Always wear a life vest when working near or on silt ponds, pontoons or other lagoon areas
  - Where a safety boat is provided, check the equipment at the start of each shift
  - Always make sure that you know the location of the nearest life buoy and rescue rope
  - Ensure you are familiar with emergency drills
  - Always pay attention to the buoyancy and stability of pump pontoons when working on them. Working platforms must be properly constructed including toe-boards and guard rails. Ladders should be lashed
  - Lighting must be adequate for night work and must illuminate the immediate surrounding water surface
  - Check that access gates to silt ponds areas are closed and locked at the end of each working day
  - Report any seepage from the sides or toe of retaining bunds to your supervisor immediately
  - Never allow any solid material other than silt or pit waste to enter any silt pond
  - Always keep weirs and overflows free from obstructions
  - Read the Toolbox Talk on 'Leptospirosis'.

### Training register

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Name of attendee

Signature

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