

## **Grangemouth Community Council - April Update**

### **Ineos FPS:**

#### **Kinneil:**

- Planned flaring occurred between 4pm-7:20pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 due to maintenance.
- Flaring due to compressor maintenance scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 has been notified to SEPA.

#### **Dalmeny HoundPoint:**

- 1 odour complaint in relation to a tanker filling at HoundPoint on 26<sup>th</sup> March. This was investigated however was not substantiated.
- Unplanned discharge of approximately 600 litres of stabilised crude oil into a bunded area at Dalmeny Tank Farm, which occurred during cleaning operations of Tank 805. Full investigation report to be submitted to SEPA.

**Ineos Chemicals (ICGL):** 22-23 March SEPA received 8 complaints of noise overnight, mainly from the Dunfermline area. This corresponded with work being carried out on the fuel gas system at Ineos chemicals, resulting in flaring from the north side flare. Although the amounts flared might not have been noticeable on another night, weather conditions were such that the sound carried. In addition, scheduled work was being carried out at the Petroineos refinery, also resulting in flaring in the same area. One complainant specifically referred to there being 3 flares in operation. It therefore appears that it was the additional flaring from Ineos chemicals on top of the existing flaring that caused the complaints. The importance of considering in-combination effects when work is scheduled has been highlighted to the site.

A period of elevated flaring from the North Side Flare is planned between 9am-4pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> April to facilitate valve testing. The volumes and rates involved are anticipated to be low and no public complaints have been received at the time of writing.

**Petroineos Refinery:** On 18 March 2022, a technical issue caused several units at the refinery to go down. There was a short-lived flaring event in the early hours of Saturday 19 March while bringing one of these units back online which resulted in 4 complaints of noise and visual disturbance. Some of the other units were not able to be brought back online until the 29 March including the sulphur recovery unit. Consequently, there was elevated flaring of sulphur dioxide during this period. SEPA received complaints about sulphur odour on 26 and 28 March. SEPA also received 8 complaints of noise associated with flaring late on 22 March and into the early hours of 23 March. Whilst we are aware there was some elevated flaring at the refinery, Ineos Chemicals also had a flaring event at this time. It is not clear which site the complaints relate to (perhaps both). All the units were fully operational again by 31 March however one of these had a partial trip on 11 April but was brought back online again by 13 April. No public complaints were received in relation to this event.

SEPA are currently working with the operator to ensure steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of these issues. There are no planned shutdowns at this site for the coming month.

**CalaChem** – One odour complaint received since the last update. SEPA are working towards earliest implementation of a long-term solution to reduce odour emissions.

**Syngenta, Fuji & Versalis:** No updates to report