

MSF: Fire in engine room on platform supply vessel

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The Marine Safety Forum has published a safety flash regarding a fire in the engine room of a Platform Supply Vessel (PSV). The fire broke out in the engine room when the vessel was in transit to an offshore location. The fire was extinguished with the fixed water sprinkler system with assistance from the crew. Whilst there were no injuries, there was loss of power and propulsion for a long period before a diesel generator could be started to limited power and propulsion. The vessel returned to port under escort.

The root cause of the incident was a burst low-pressure flexible fuel hose allowing fuel to spray over the generator and manifold where it then caught fire.

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