

RETURNS ON ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS: MONTH OF JUNE, 2019

AREA INSPECTORATE FIELD OFFICE: OWERRI

S/N	DATE OF INVESTIGATION	ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION	ACCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	DISCO	REPORTED BY	DATE REPORTED/OCCURRED	FATALITIES	INJURIES	HISTORICAL INCIDENT (If Any)	INVESTIGATED BY	POSSIBLE ROOT CAUSES	ACTIONS TAKEN	DETAILS OF EYE WITNESSES (CONTACTS)	FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS (DATE) & OUTCOME	RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO ELIMINATE SURFACE & ROOT CAUSES
1	06/11/2019	Victims suffocated from inhalation of Generator plant exhaust fumes in an air-tight enclosure, overnight.	Suffocation through carbon monoxide poisoning.	Umuomumu Community, Mbiert in Mbailei Local Government Area of Imo State.	EEDC	Punch Newspaper publications	10-6-2019 / 9-6-2019	13	17 and counting	On Sunday 9-06-2019, a traditional marriage ceremony was being attended at Umuomumu community in Mbailei Local Government Area of Imo State. According to an eye witness, several invitees from far and wide attended but couldn't make it back to their various destinations as the ceremony ended very late at night. The decision was for them to sleep over to continue their journeys the next day. In the absence of public utility supply installation in the vicinity, the celebrant resorted to the use of a standby generator to provide lighting services for the numerous guests. Unfortunately, the environment was not ventilated enough to warrant immediate escape of the exhaust fumes (the generator plant appeared to be fairly new; see portraits attached). The result was the death of 10 persons on the spot, leaving more than 20 others in critical conditions at the dawn of 10th June, 2019. These latter were hospitalized in various hospitals, one of which is Ikeduru General Hospital, Owerri, who denied us access to the victims. On conversation with one of the medical personnel, we were informed that out of the 20 persons brought to the hospital, 3 have died while 17 were responding to treatment as at the time of our investigations.	Engrs. Ogbodo Kingsley & Fred Ani	Carbon Monoxide poisoning is suspected to be the possible root cause of the accident. We observed that the generator was situated inside the house where the guests slept, to avoid being stolen as they slept. In the absence of proper ventilation, carbon monoxide was inhaled overnight by the victims, leading to the suffocation of many of them.	Visited Site; Investigated the Accident and sent Report To the Appropriate Authority for Compliance.	Mr Halbarth Uzoegbu (Relative) Godwin Uzoegbu (Elders son of the family). Phone Numbers: 08030549989 & 07032595942	Awaiting EEDC's response for further actions to be taken.	1. Generator plants should be operated from safe locations that are sufficiently ventilated. 2. Provision of public power supply to the community will make the use of private generator plants irrelevant/almost impossible. 3. Generator plants should be operated by informed electrical personnel. 4. Electrical safety precautions must be sustained at every level.
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