

Module 2, Scenario 3

On June 21, 2002, Employees #1 through #5 with a refrigeration contractor, and Employees #6 and #7 with a cold storage company, were burned in a flash fire/explosion at a cold storage facility in Omaha, NE. One of the contractor employees was using an oxy/acetylene torch to cut into an ammonia cooling system vessel that had been evacuated of ammonia and drained of lubricating oil. The vessel had evidently not been thoroughly cleaned or purged, allowing residual oil to fuel the fire. Employees #1 and #2 were hospitalized, and the others were treated and released.

