



# CONTAMINATION ONBOARD VESSELS AFTER FIRES

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# Just a bit about AREPA









#### The AREPA Group is represented in 10 countries

• Denmark, The Netherlands, Sweden, England, France, US, Canada and Singapore.

# Our core business is the restoration of industrial equipment and installations onshore and offshore.

• In industrial facilities in general, onboard ships, on off-shore installations and in wind turbines all over the world.

# Our key assets are our experience, knowledge, first response and mobility.

 We assist our customers with interventions globally, whenever needed. We hold the required certificates, licenses and we are available 24H/7.



### What AREPA do is...

#### **SCOPE OF WORK ON VESSELS**



#### Core service

- Corrosion risk assessment by chemical measurement
- Preservation against corrosion on equipment and installations
- Removal of debris and direct damaged equipment
- Cleaning of structures
- Dismantling of equipment for restoration (electro/mechanics/electronics)
- Cleaning and decontamination of dismantled equipment
- Reassembling of equipment after drying process
- Re-installation and test
- Chemical test for clean surfaces









### **Contamination after fire**

Hydrochloric gas + humidity= 1,2 L Hydrochloric acid carbon



**PVC** 

1 kg



Condensation



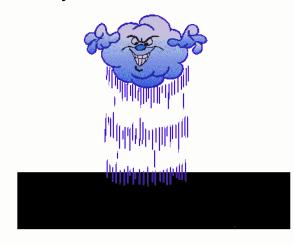






### **Corrosion after contamination**

Hydro Chloric Acid



1. Etching

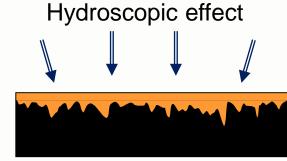
Iron Cloride

FeCl<sub>2</sub>



2. Development of salt

Moisture



3. Corrosion





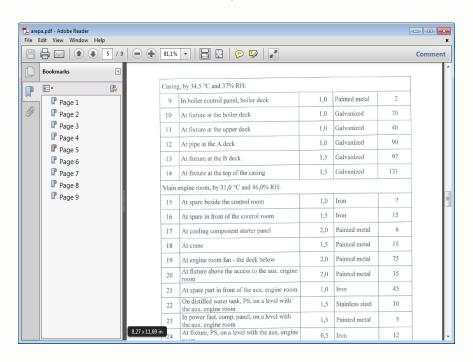




# Measurements to get facts right...

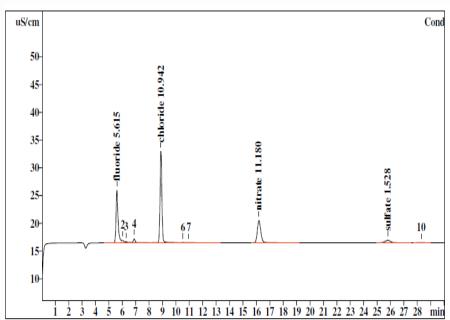
#### On Site measurement

- Titration Chloride analyses
- ISE Ion Selective Electrode
- Conductivity Metering



#### Lab analysis

- IC Ion Chromatography
- Ad hoc analysis



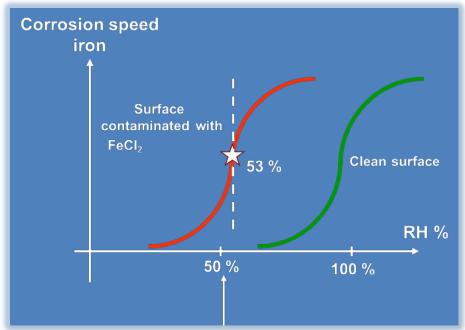






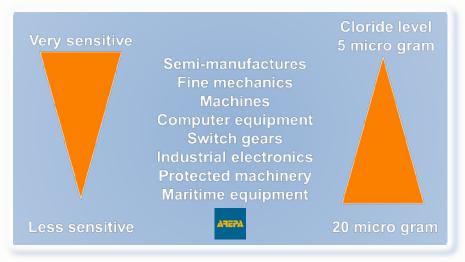


# **Accellerators: Salt and humidity**













### Other contaminations from fire

#### Corrosive Ions in Smoke

- Sulfates
  - From burning wood, cardboard, paper, lead batteries etc. Sulfates is salts of sulfuric acid
- Nitrates
  - From burning nylon carpets, drapes, and certain plastics. Nitrate is a short term for nitrogenous fertilizers, which are salts of nitric acid
- Chlorides
  - From burning plastics, such as PVC and electrical wiring
- Carbon and other conductive materials
- +1000 other residuals









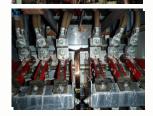
# Extinguish agents and contamination

Be aware of added corrosion risks from extinguishing agents

- Water (mist, sea water or fresh water)
- Foam
- Carbonic acid (CO2)
- Halon
- Powder
- Sand













### Preservation after fire

### **Preservation methods**

- Ventilation
- Water/humidity removal
- Cleaning of critical surfaces
- Dehumidification
- Heating or spot heating
- Humidity penetrating oil
- Removal of critical equipment



- have preserved your repair options
- gained time to make the right and intelligent decisions











# Flooding of engine room

## Damage control process - Preparations

- Eliminate the damaged area
- Get an overview of equipment involved
- Make resources available
  - Site coordination
  - Specialized damage control company
    - Project manager
    - Engineers and technicians
  - Pumping equipment
  - Dehumidifiers
  - Anti-corrosion materials
  - Fresh water and rinsing equipment













# **Preservation process**

### Damage control process – Dewatering and protection

- Start pumping
- Rinse with fresh water
- If possible rinse same time as pumping
- Open switchgears, motors and equipment and rinse
- Protect with penetrating oil
- Dehumidification if possible
- Heat up critical equipment

Result should be a stabilized situation, where we

- have preserved repair options
- gained time to make intelligent decisions to proceed





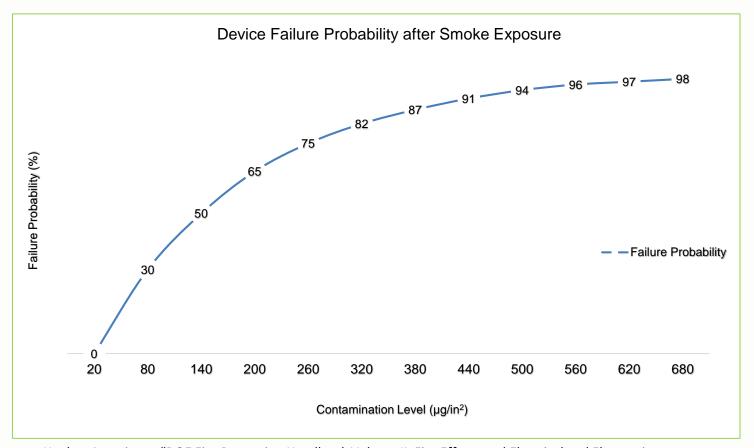


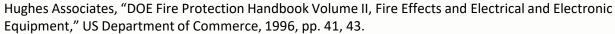






# **Failure Probability**







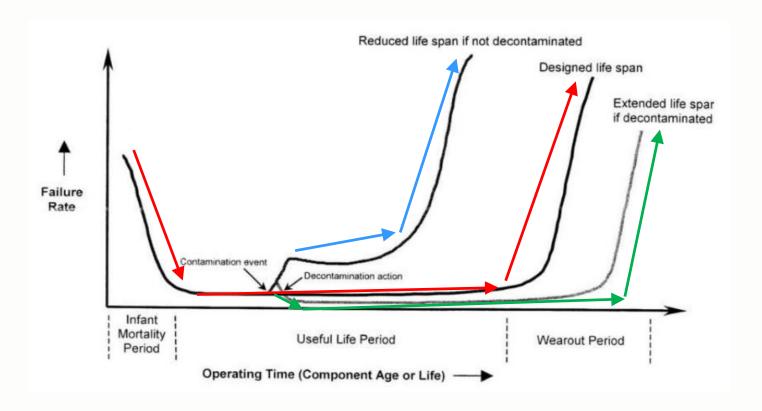








### Reliability and Life Expectancy of Restored Equipment











### **Success Factors**

#### TIME AND SPEED IS CRITICAL

- Prepareration and contingency
- Actions by the crew immediately after the incident
- Actions on the way to port
- Actions at port

#### **AVAILABILITY AT AREPA**

- 24/7 response
- Direct advise on call (hotline)
- On line evaluation
- Project Managers on standby
- Mobilization within 24 hours
- Availability in Europe, US and Asia

#### **COMPETENCE IS CRITICAL**

- Technical
- Chemical
- Process





### **Additional information**

- German Lloyds:
  - Guidelines for restoration of electrical systems caused by Fire, Water and Extinguishing agents
- Danish Marine Association (Insurance committee):
  - Guidelines in case of average
- Department of Energy:
  - Fire Protection Handbook Volume II, Fire Effects and Electrical and Electronic Equipment," US Department of Commerce



