

EPD concerned about industrial accident at Chemical Waste Treatment Centre

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) expressed concern over a maintenance work accident at Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) today (June 14), which resulted in the injuries of 10 staff of the maintenance work contractor.

The incident occurred at 9.15am when a temporary metal scaffold was suspected to have collapsed during the annual maintenance work of an incinerator at the CWTC in Tsing Yi, causing multiple injuries. Ten workers, aged 22 to 61, were sent to three hospitals for treatment.

The 10 workers were hired by the maintenance work contractor of the operator of the CWTC. The EPD offered condolences to the injured and will provide appropriate assistance.

The EPD is highly concerned about the accident and has requested the operator of the CWTC to submit a report within a month for the department's follow-up investigation. The EPD will also co-operate with the Labour Department in its investigation.

The metal scaffold concerned is a temporary structure constructed for maintenance work of the incinerator. An initial assessment revealed the structure of the CWTC has not been affected by the incident.