

KOSHA alerted a warning against fire, explosion and leakage in summer

coming up with special responses

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KOSHA alerted a warning against fire, explosion and leakage as it witnesses a series of accidents: hazardous gas leakage in Yeo-su industrial complex; chemical factory explosion in Hwa-sung, Gyung-gi province; explosion of oil reservoir in Yeong-cheon area.

As flammable liquids changes into vapor by an extreme weather continue and the happenings of static-electricity by dry weather, KOSHA alerted the warning with 'the five rules for safety work'.

The five rules for safety work are: not overrunning the chemical reactor; checking whether the gas is left in a confined places such as drums, tanks and pipes; getting permission before fire work; removing or isolating inflammable gas or liquid; removing or blocking liquid or gas remaining before beginning the job.

The agency sent an official note to some 3,000 enterprises among which are process safety management regulated worksites; waste oil refining companies; glue manufacturers, to ask cooperation in reducing the accidents. In addition, KOSHA issued the warning against fire, explosion and leakage through its website and electronic displays.

As part of efforts to prevent the accidents, KOSHA's nationwide five prevention centers of serious occupational accidents designated enterprises with high possibility of fire and explosion, to give special training to employers and conduct a special inspection together with the Ministry of Employment and Labor against waste oil refining worksites and glue manufacturers.

Further, KOSHA makes and provides posters of recent cases of the fire, explosion and leakage accidents with enterprises that experience high possibility of the accidents.

President Hun-ki Baek said that he hopes the special responses and safe rules KOSHA provides would encourage employers and workers to raise awareness and pay more attention to prevent fires and explosions which bring a serious damage once occurred. End