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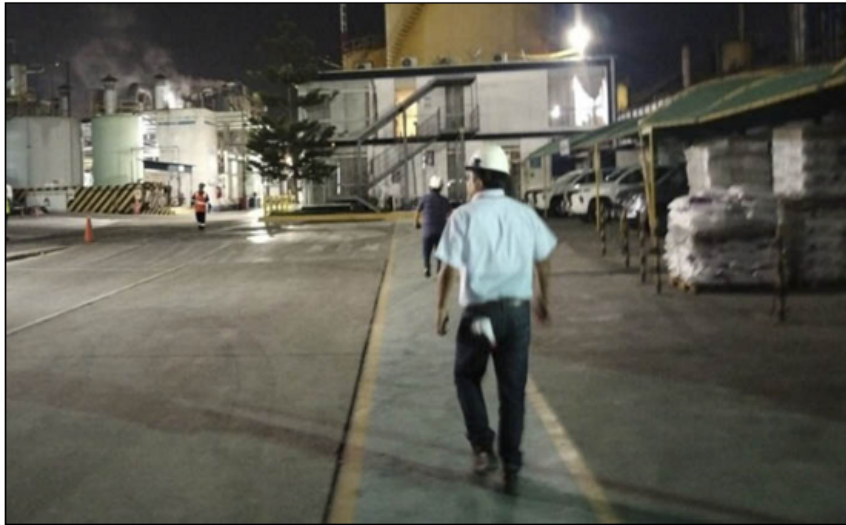
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OEFA installs three monitoring stations at Exalmar fishing vessel following explosions

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The oversight body seeks to understand the potential impacts on the environment and the health of the population.



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Following the **explosions** that occurred inside the **Exalmar fishing company** in Chimbote, which caused anxiety among residents of the El Trapecio development and surrounding areas, the Environmental Assessment and Oversight Agency (OEFA) installed **monitoring stations** inside the company as part of an investigation to determine the causes and potential impacts.

The Environmental Management Manager of the Provincial Municipality of Santa (MPS), Miguel Santamaría Flores, explained that the supervisory agency has installed three monitoring stations within the company and one in the community. This will allow the **OEFA (Federal Environmental Protection Agency)** to assess the emissions from this fishing facility; the procedure could take between three and seven days.

The national entity has stated that the fire at the company that occurred on August 7 was caused by the explosion of the casing of its rotating tube dryer, a piece of equipment that is part of the fishmeal production process. According to the municipal official, the explosion was the result of a technical failure.

"There's been a significant increase in pressure because those pipes can operate at 100 PSI (pounds per square inch) or 120. PSI has its ranges; there was probably pressure saturation, and that pipe had a higher concentration, which caused the explosion. We believe it could have been a technical control failure," the manager added.

Regarding the emergency declaration demanded by residents, **Santamaría Flores** said that the Ministry of the Environment (MINAM) provides a series of procedures and deadlines that must be met before an environmental emergency can be declared.

"There is a 20-day period to submit the necessary evidence, OEFA reports, and technical reports. It must be demonstrated whether there have been any health effects; that's where the Ministry of Health intervenes through the medical centers near the jurisdiction," he stated. **(AD – RSD Noticias).**

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