

## Brand tydens volmaak van draagbare houer.

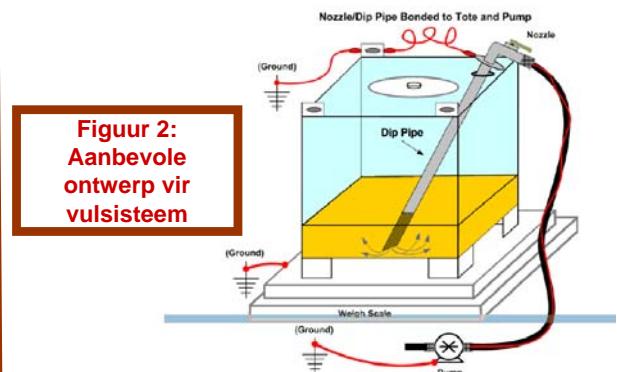
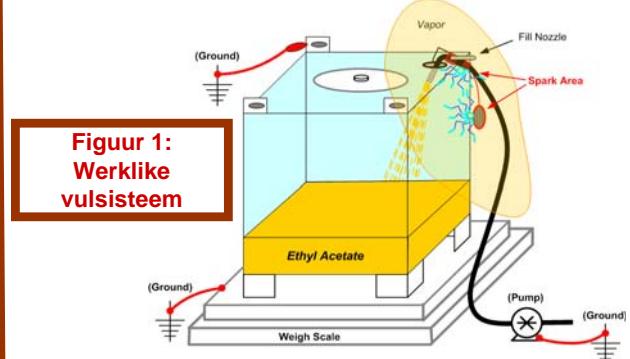
U sal opmerk dat die tekeninge dieselfde is as dié van Desember 2008 se BEACON. Ja, dit is ook dieselfde incident. 'n Brand het ontstaan in die verpakningsarea terwyl werkers besig was om 'n 1000-liter draagbare staaltenk ("tote") vol te maak. Die Desember BEACON het meer inligting hieroor. Ons het ook in Desember die belangrikheid van ordentlike **verbinding en aarding** van alle geleidende toerusting beklemtoon, om statiese elektriese vonke te voorkom wat vlambare atmosfere aan die brand kan steek. Ons benadruk gereeld in die Beacon dat mens gewoonlik meer as een les uit 'n ongeluk kan leer, en in hierdie geval is dit ook so.

U sal opmerk in Figuur 1 dat die houer volgemaak word met 'n kort staalvulpunt, dat die vlambare etielasetaat deur die lugruimte in die Tote val en ongetwyfeld klein druppeltjies en misdeeltjies vorm. **Vloeistof wat deur lug val wek statiese ladings op**, wat vonke kan vorm as dit ontlai en die vlambare atmosfeer kan laat ontsteek.

Die aanbevole praktyk van die VSA se National Fire Protection Agency in NFPA 77, is om tenks soos dié van onder af vol te maak, met 'n dippyp. Gebruik vloeisnelhede van minder as 1 meter per sekonde om statiese ladings te beperk, totdat die dippyp behoorlik onder die vloeistofvlak is. Sien Figuur 2.

**Ons is steeds nie klaar met die incident nie: Daar kom nog in die Februarie BEACON!**

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## Wat kan ek doen?

Gebruik behoorlik ontwerpte toerusting om vlambare vloeistof in houers te laai. Die ontwerp moet die volgende punte in ag neem:

- Gebruik dippype of ander metodes om houers **van onder af te vul**.
- Gebruik **lae vloeitempo's** as daar potensiaal is vir vryvallende vloeistof.
- **Verbind en aard** alle geleidende toerusting en houers.
- Gebruik vulpunte en buigbare pype wat **ontwerp is vir vlambare vloeistof**, byvoorbeeld 'n buigbare plastiek- of rubberpyp met ingevlegde metaal vir geleiding wat beide kante elektries verbind is met die pype of vulpunt waaraan dit vas is.

As u die BEACON lees, kyk altyd ook vir ander lesse wat te leer is uit die incident wat beskryf word. Daar is altyd baie meer te leer as wat ons kan beskryf op 'n enkele bladsy!

## **Vermy vryvallende vlambare vloeistowwe tydens volmaak van houers en tenks!**

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