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PROJECT SNAPSHOT

TOXFREE CLEAN UP A SHIP TANK SPILL IN TASMANIA

The issue

In 2014 the Tasmanian Polar Network hosted the ship – the US Icebreaker Nathaniel B Palmer several times as they visited the region. The Nathaniel B Palmer services the US Antarctic/Marine Science program and in recent years the Tasmanian Polar Network and Tasmanian business have been courting the US to come and conduct business in Tasmania with the Australian Antarctic and marine science/research and commercial provider.

In March the ship had an emergency where a tank had split. It was due to leave for a major science voyage the next day. This was a very serious situation for the Captain as each day the ship was held up, it cost the company tens of thousands of dollars.

The solution

The shipping agent had a pre-existing relationship with Toxfree and called the Hobart site for assistance to pump out the tank. They then required the tank to be completely cleaned and cleared for entry and repair. At short notice, Lance McKay, Dean Horsey and the team at Toxfree were able to complete the job so that the ship would not be delayed at all from its schedule.

The outcome

The feedback has been very positive from the Captain, Voyage Leader and Shipping Agent, all commenting on the great job completed and how professional and efficient the service provided by Toxfree was.

