

## **Steam Boiler Water Treatment Further Information.**

So far in the UK, we have been lucky, there have not been many fatalities in and around boilers and steam systems, but we know there are a lot more near misses than are reported. We have recently seen several pictures from more than one site where they have had a furnace collapse which must have only been seconds away from disaster and a full boiler explosion and are not reported to the HSE under RIDDOR. This is not a problem with boiler design or manufacture but it's how you operate and maintain your equipment.

So, if you are playing Russian roulette with your plant consider the following:

- 2014 Rotheram, Sterecycle explosion killed one and life changing injuries to a second, major fines and company went out of business. Several senior managers went to prison.

- 2014 Immingham biodiesel manufacturer boiler explosion no injuries but cost the business £1.6mill as reported in their annual report.

- 2015 GSK Belgium Boiler Explosion killed one, we believe millions of pounds spent in review/prevention across UK & Ireland sites.

- 2016 Cambridge Boiler Explosion no injuries, inappropriate maintenance repair.
- 2017 Birmingham Boiler Explosion killed one person and injured 2 more.

CEA are trying to help you and your industry understand the hidden potential risks when operating steam boilers – A Multinational company has suffered as a result of the boiler explosion on one of their sites that killed a 24-year-old technician, All the facts have not emerged yet, but please take a look at this link and decide if this could be you. <u>Do you really know</u> - What would be the impact on your business?

The water chemistry inside your boiler can change very quickly if something goes wrong therefore a minimum of daily testing is a must. A recent explosion at a site in Immingham highlighted this point. This course is designed for people who **ARE NOT CHEMISTS** and don't have any qualifications in boiler water treatment.