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Please, find enclosed a copy of our manuscript *“Occupational exposure to air pollutants emitted from in situ burning of offshore oil spills – a large-scale field study”*, which we would like you to consider for publication in *International Maritime Health*.

In-situ burning (ISB) could be a favorable and cost-effective cleanup method during offshore oil spills under the right circumstances. This paper aims to investigate the potential of selected pollutants emitted from offshore oil fires as occupational hazards among workers on vessels involved in ISB. The study focuses on quantitative measurements of particulate matter, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds on vessels at sea level, emitted from in-situ burning of crude and refined oils in large-scale experiments carried out in the North Sea.

The submitted material has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The number of words is 4040, excludingthe abstract, references, tables and figures.The study was supported by TheNorwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies. We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

On behalf of the authors,

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