

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Establishment Name: Baxter Bioscience	Inspection Number: 300874211
Management Contacted: James Bechen	Title: EH&S Manager II

Information on Injured **Covered by Worker's Comp. Insurance** Yes No

	Name and Title	Address	Phone Number	Occupation
	Henry Astilla	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Technician
E2	Danilo Lombibao	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Technician
E3	Leonard Armstrong	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Technician

Witness Name(s) and Title *Check box preceding name if confidentiality given.

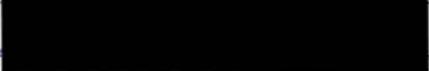
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<input type="checkbox"/>	W2				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary

At 6:08 am on January 21, 2011 Los Angeles DOSH received a report from the Los Angeles City Fire Department of an industrial accident which occurred at Baxter Bioscience located at 4501 Colorado blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039. At approximately 8:00 am on January 21, 2011. Los Angeles DOSH responded to the fatality involving an employee of Baxter Bioscience located at 4501 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039. Baxter Bioscience employs 1,100 employees on 5 shifts at the site. Baxter Bioscience is engaged in the manufacturing of biological products from human plasma. Baxter Bioscience performs protein extraction from human plasma using the Cohn cold ethanol fractionation process.

At approximately 3:50 am on January 21, 2011, an employee of Baxter Bioscience entered a 6,000 liter reaction vessel #23 (Mueller Products part number P3388) located in plasma fractionation room 404. The victim entered the reaction vessel using a stainless steel ladder routinely used by employees entering this vessel during cleaning operations. However, no cleaning operations were taking place in vessel #23 at the time of the accident. At the time of the accident, the vessel contained 237 liters of a mixture of 40% ethanol, buffers and human plasma. Air in the vessel had been displaced by Nitrogen gas which had been bubbled through the product during the 20 hours prior to the accident. The investigation indicates that the victim entered the reaction vessel to measure the temperature of the plasma ethanol mixture using a short probe temperature meter. The victim collapsed upon entering the oxygen deficient vessel atmosphere and was discovered by his supervisor. The supervisor instructed other employees to rescue the victim. All three victims were extricated from the vessel by the Los Angeles City Fire Department. One victim is deceased, another is in critical condition and remains in a coma and a third victim is in good condition. The employer received the following citations as the result of this accident:

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| 5157(c)(3) Willful Serious Accident Related | 5157(d)(9) Willful Serious Accident Related |
| 5157(c)(4) Serious | 5157(e)(1) General |
| 5157(c)(7) Serious | 5157(k)(1) Serious |
| 5157(d)(1) Willful Serious Accident Related | 5157(k)(3)(B) Serious Accident Related |
| 5157(d)(4) Willful Serious | 5194(h)(2)(E) Serious Accident Related |
| 5157(d)(6) Serious | |

		Signature	Date
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