



# Tech Sea Stories: An open discussion

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An early lesson:

“Flooded”

Sometimes means

“Pressurized”



# Secondary containment



# Bad Chief Scientist

- Ch. Sci. was under a lot of pressure – this was a multidecadal project. That doesn't excuse their actions though.
- Myriad errors. Made 3 grad students cry. Raised voice/ talking over them.
- Grad students approached me about who to discuss this with. I had no idea. I was hired gun through tech pool. Didn't pay attention to the institutional policies during the safety briefing.
- I sent the project lead (another PI off ship) an email. They responded with “there will be a survey at the end”. And there was.



# “Teachable moments” to share?

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- Have a short story with a good lesson learned?
- We’re all human.
- We can talk through events as a group if you have questions about scenarios that went wrong.



# Thanks for participating!

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