

# SAFETY BULLETIN

<b>Safety Bulletin No.</b>	2019 06	<b>Date Issued</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
<b>Subject</b>	<b>DIA Solar farm accident &amp; restricted access</b>		
<b>Area of Concern</b>	Inverter failure could compromise safety		
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This safety bulletin has been prepared due to a recent incident at the DIA Solar Farm 1. This incident involved the over-pressurisation of the inverter panel causing the door to be ripped off its supports and flung 15 metres away causing damage to an adjacent solar panel. There were no injuries sustained during this event however it has been classified by NT WorkSafe as a dangerous incident.



Inverter door trajectory



Damage to solar panel from door

We are currently working with the inverter manufacturer (SMA) and NT Worksafe to identify the cause of the over-pressurisation and to look at long term controls to prevent a recurrence and / or restrict potential injury or damage from such an event.

In the interim however access to the solar farms is "Strictly No Unauthorised Entry". Signs have been affixed to all fences and gates. Access is only permitted under supervision by authorised personnel instructed in the safe access and isolation requirements.

If you have any queries about this bulletin please don't hesitate to contact me on (0402 782 375).

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