



## **ASSOCIATION OF DIVING CONTRACTORS INTERNATIONAL**

### **SAFETY ALERT**

#### **Use of Underwater Grinders and Saws**

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**Underwater Contractors should exercise extreme caution when using underwater grinders or saws, typically viewed as a “cold cutting” safe alternative to underwater burning or other forms of hot work.**

**Due to recent events in the industry, these tools can generate enough heat to ignite any flammable vapors.**

**Close attention should be given to what is behind the work area, or if there is an existence of any void underneath the object to be worked on.**

**Please cover this issue in your JSA’s and pre-dive safety meetings prior to conducting these operations.**