



# Bunker Alert

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## High sediment fuels in Rotterdam

Veritas Petroleum Services has tested several fuel oil samples representing 0.50% Sulphur fuel deliveries in Rotterdam, with high sediment content.

The total sediment potential (TSP) measured up to 0.27 % m/m.

The deliveries were made by multiple suppliers from 19 December 2019 to 02 January 2020.

Ships consuming these fuels might experience increased sludge formation, particularly at the centrifuges and filters, leading to possible blockage and loss of centrifuge and filter functions.

Elevated sediment levels will make optimum on-board bunker treatment more difficult to achieve.

It is further recommended to take samples before and after the fuel treatment plant to gauge the fuel oil quality at the engine inlet. This will help in any subsequent assessment of increased engine wear and damages, and in resolving fuel quality disputes.

This Bunker Alert does not necessarily reflect the overall fuel quality supplied at the subject port but if your ship recently bunkered at this port or intends to do so, please ensure the fuel quality is known before use.

VPS laboratories and regional offices span all time zones and can assist you with further commercial and technical advice if required.

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