

Ahead of publishing our Allegations Tracker of labour abuse against migrant workers in the Gulf, we reached out to companies to invite them to respond where they had not previously done so, or to elaborate on comments reported by journalists.

Responding to a 2017 story regarding a breach in health and safety standards at a waste treatment plant, a Bee'ah representative issued the following statement:

Back in November 2017, Bee'ah's Waste Treatment Facility had a minor industrial incident involving an expired industrial gas cannister that had been discarded together with general household waste collected in Sharjah. This resulted in an employee from the Manual Waste Sorting team being exposed to leaked gas from the cannister, who experienced discomfort for a brief moment.

As a precautionary measure, Bee'ah immediately informed Civil Defence of the incident and sent the 55 workers in the affected area to the nearest hospital. The employees were discharged within an hour by medical professionals and sent home to be monitored overnight.

At Bee'ah, workplace safety and the welfare of our employees are important to us. Since the incident – which was the first since operations commenced in 2012 – Bee'ah has upgraded the safety measures at the facility and enhanced pre-inspection screenings to ensure that such incidents are not repeated.