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Call to Arms

7 Lost Time Injuries

5 RIDDOR Reportable

9 High Potential Near Misses, 1 Fire, 1 Train

1 RIDDOR Dangerous Occurrence

Since the beginning of February 2016, H&S performance across the Programme has declined considerably compared to the last year of construction and on some contracts is totally unacceptable. This raises concerns and questions how we get back to our injury-free performance.

There are good examples where teams have shown considerable effort and dedication to safe working resulting in extended periods without injury.

For those contracts where this is not currently the case this Alert shall be used to remind individuals of their responsibility to behave and act in a manner which ensures no-one is harmed!

Summary of significant injuries:

- Unexpected movement of telehandler led to IP becoming trapped between the telehandler and the flat-bed truck, resulting in multiple fractures.
- An operative was drilling into concrete with a masonry drill when his glove got caught in the rotating drillbit which caused amputation of the tip of his finger.
- IP bumped the back of his head on a steel girder while standing up after picking up material. The operative was working on a scissor-lift at the time.
- RMD Soldier hit the IP, causing a break to his right wrist and the tip of the 3rd finger.
- Section of an H-column being lowered fell on crane supervisor's lower left leg.
- Rebar straps became dislodged from the hook. The swinging load knocked the IP backward onto the floor.
- IP tripped, hitting their face on the rail sleeper, which caused a laceration to their lower mouth.

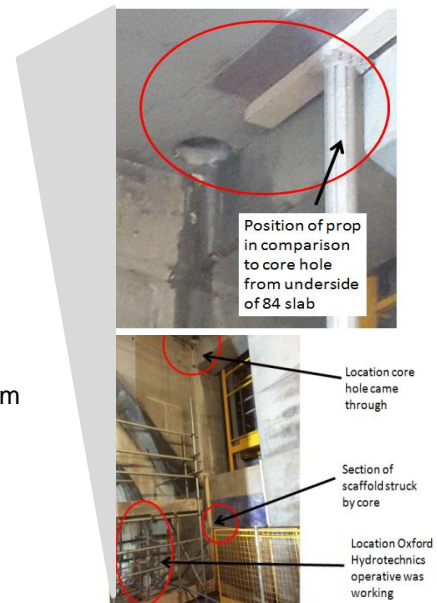




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Summary of High Potential Near Misses, including Dangerous Occurrence (DO), Fire and Train:

- Excavator became unbalanced and turned onto its side (DO).
- Excavator struck a scaffold that was on the inside of the shaft which bent its ledger as a result.
- Telehandler placing concrete turned onto its side due to unslung load.
- MEWP made contact with the outrigger of nearby mobile tower and pulled it from its original location.
- Operatives riding on the back of the Telehandler and in a basket on the front lifted up by the forks.
- Prop and timber placed in an incorrect location, fell through and struck a handrail of a scaffold where an individual was working in the vicinity.
- Staircase retaining bolts for the treads had been tampered with and additional bolts missing at other locations.
- Operatives were observed not wearing harnesses correctly in Cherry-Pickers.
- Significant shortcomings in Fire and emergency arrangements have been identified and all works stopped.
- MCB not locked off and another distribution board lock had been forcibly removed from an MCB casing.
- Hydro pump caught fire (Fire).
- Locomotive struck a generator (Train).



Action Required:

- Review the effectiveness of behavioural programmes and launch workshops based on Investigations' and climate surveys' actions identified.
- Carry out extended toolbox talks with all shifts to discuss and raise awareness of these incidents.
- Teams to evaluate work areas and inspect ground conditions.
- Remember think before you act and remain focused.
- **NOTHING is so important or urgent that it cannot be done safely**
- Remember the Golden Rules and apply them to all that you do.

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