

SAFETY ALERT

The below information has been issued on behalf of the EFFC to make others aware of the potential risks and possible precautions to take in order to avoid these.



Date/Time of Incident:

26/09/2024
14h

Type of Incident:

Lost Time Accident with High Potential

Nature of Incident/Injury:

Falling object – head injury

Details of Incident:

During CFA piling, the team had to open the auger cleaner door for maintenance. The injured person stepped up to the machine to remove the locking pin and open the cleaner door, then used the pin to lock it open for the next drilling. The door was already open and he was about to insert the pin when a 3.35 kg stone fell from a height and landed on his head/helmet. As a result of the impact, the injured person fell to the ground and fainted. Colleagues attended to his head injury and called the ambulance. The auger cleaner on the machine was working well, the section of the machine affected by the cleaner was ungrounded, however, there is a 1.1 m spiral section above the cleaner where the drilling material could accumulate and the stone could have fallen.



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Root cause (if known):

1. Inadequate identification of workplace hazards. 2. Lack of communication between operator and kellyman.

Action Taken:

A methodological review by a workgroup to explore additional solutions for auger cleaning: manual or mechanical tool; Refresher training on drilling, cleaner usage, exclusion zones, operator and kellyman communication.

Lessons Learnt:

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