

# SAFETY ALERT

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



**Date/Time of Incident:**

**Type of Incident:**

NLT Accident

**Nature of Incident/Injury:**

IP Struck by a shovel loader

**Details of Incident:**

Due to proximity to gas mains, vibration monitoring was being carried out by a gas engineer close to piling area. While discussing the days plan, the foreman and engineer had stood behind a shovel loader which was to be operated by the site 2nd man. During the discussion, the second man started the shovel loader and failed to properly check all around before reversing. The shovel loader struck the 3rd party gas engineer and shoved him back roughly 5 steps and clipped the foreman. The foreman shouted and the shovel operator reacted immediately and stopped. No major injuries were sustained but the 3rd party engineer sustained minor contusions to the back.

**Root cause (if known):**

A failure to properly maintain exclusion zones and failure on part of the operator to operate correctly due to development of operational habits.

**Action Taken:**

Works suspended immediately pending investigation. Site briefings took place to ensure all operatives aware of standards. Companywide safety alert raised.

**Lessons Learnt:**

Exclusion zones must be adhered to, and all works to stop when 3rd parties enter works area.

