

Operatives observed working in close proximity to operating plant inside an exclusion zone

What happened?

Two National Grid Project Supervisors were carrying out a site walk on the outside of the contractors Construction Design & Management (CDM) area which was secure and demarcated with Heras fencing.

The CDM area is a restricted area, only allowing machine operators and plant, this is due to the size of the plant and plant movements.

It was noticed that a group of five Omexom – Taylor Woodrow (OTW) operatives were inside the restricted area and within close proximity to a working D6 Dozer, which at the time was pushing spoil with the front blade and reversing back and forth.

OTW have a Safe System of Work (SSoW) in place that dictates that no operatives are allowed inside the demarcated CDM area whilst plant is in operation, this was agreed with National Grid and was implemented due to the high risks associated with the movement of large plant.

All plant was stopped and site personnel and supervisors were instructed to return to the main site office.

No one was injured and an investigation has commenced.



Reported date: 21/08/2024

Location/Site:

Hylton Castle – New Substation build
Project. International Drive Sunderland

Responsible ET department:

Customer Connections

Principal/Contractor:

OTW (Omexom – Taylor Woodrow)

Key contact(s)

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