

Safety Gram



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AIM

To increase safety awareness affecting safe working practices and to provide Incident/Accident information sharing between centres.

TIME / DATE / LOCATION

- 12.45 24/6/2003
- Anderson Rd Sunshine

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

Whilst operating a Gevea Hv switch with a standard 10' operating stick with a 5' extension attached, the mechanical interlock between the two sticks failed.

As a result of this failure, the two sticks separated, with the top section falling from height, close to the operator below.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO INCIDENT

Failure of Circlip securing HV stick interlocking device

LOCAL ACTION TAKEN

HV Stick placed in quarantine
Red Alert released

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

HV Operators should carry out on site checks prior to using interconnected HV Sticks to ensure failure of circlip is not imminent.

The head of the HV Stick is to be secured on a solid structure, the operator should then firmly apply pressure to the stick in a pulling motion to ensure the mechanical interlock is secure.

FURTHER ACTION

Checks to be carried out during annual HV stick testing

POTENTIAL SEVERITY (Fatality, Permanent Injury, Minor Injury)

Minor Injury

- Please discuss at Work Group Meeting.
- Copy to all notice boards printed on yellow paper.

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