



Safety Advice 06-2003 (A) (NZ)

HAYWARDS SUBSTATION INCIDENT

[INTERIM REPORT]

On the morning of 5 March 2003, two electrical services employees working at Transpower's Haywards Substation near Wellington received serious burns while working on 11,000-volt electrical switchgear.

One member of the work party subsequently died of his injuries later that evening, with the second member remaining in intensive care after being transferred to Waikato Hospital.

A series of parallel full-scale incident investigations are underway. While it is too early to ascertain what caused the accident, it is clear that it was not due to switchgear or equipment failure in any way.

The industry will be kept informed of any relevant outcomes/further information as it becomes available.

(Please Note: This interim report was posted on the EEA website on 12 March 2003 as Safety Advice 06-2003 (NZ) and was also circulated on 25 March 2004 as part of the February/March EEA Bulletin. The Safety Advice was subsequently updated on 18 April 2003).