

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

- 11:30am
- 28 June 2002
- Deer Park

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

A line worker attended a no supply fault. A blown HRC fuse in a Fused Switch Disconnecter on the low voltage street circuit was identified. The Line worker opened and removed the fuse carrier and replaced a 160 amp fuse. Operating from a ladder and using a single section lv switching stick he closed the fuse carrier. Upon closing the FSD a severe flashover occurred. The line worker received flash burns to the face.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO INCIDENT

It appears that a phase to phase circuit contact occurred in the box on closing.



LOCAL ACTION TAKEN

Line worker received first aid on site and was admitted to hospital.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Line worker's condition is now satisfactory.
It appears correct operating procedures were followed.
PPE reduced severity of injury.

FURTHER ACTION

Product investigation will be undertaken by removing existing 'in service' units of similar age and condition.

Until further notice it is recommended, when operating this type of unit a minimum 3 metre clearance is maintained by using 2 lv switch sticks or a HV operating stick.

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POTENTIAL SEVERITY (Fatality, Permanent Injury, Minor Injury)

Severe

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

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