



HSEAlert (Ref.7/2014)

Segregation of plant and people

Date of issue: 03 March 2014
Date of expiry: 04 March 2015

Background

Sadly, in the early hours of Sunday morning 2nd March 2014, an employee of Clancy Docwra was killed whilst working on the Docklands Light Railway twin-tracking site near Pudding Mill Lane.

He was performing the duties of a Banksman, and suffered fatal injuries after being struck by the arm of a mechanical excavator. The site was immediately closed by the Metropolitan Police and remains suspended in inspection by the Health & Safety Executive.

Facts relating to the incident have yet to be established. Naturally there will be a full and thorough investigation commissioned by the various organisations involved to establish the facts and learn lessons. In the interim all evidence has been protected.

Instruction

It is important that the worksite is set up properly, staff are briefed about the task and that adequate segregation is maintained between plant/equipment and people, in order to ensure people and plant/equipment do not come into contact.

Method statements and written safe systems of work should be checked to ensure this is properly covered and contractors should be asked to check these controls are in place.

Further bulletins will be issued to update as the investigations progress.

Please communicate this alert to your teams, projects and suppliers as appropriate

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