



Safety Alert

INCIDENT TITLE: Uncontrolled Falling Object From Crane

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT: 26th September 2017

INCIDENT DETAIL

During the annual inspection of a crane at Benmore Power Station, a contractor secured his lanyard to the hand-rail when a large metal sign attached to the railing fell from the crane hitting the floor. This fall was approximately 12 metres (or more).

Upon investigation the fallen sign was found to be have been secured by plastic cable ties which had broken.

As the photo shows the bent bottom of the sign was a result of the impact of the signage hitting the floor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Objects falling from height can seriously injure or kill people and or cause substantial damage to plant and property.

It is important during maintenance operations and site inspections objects at height are reviewed to ensure they are and remain secure at all times.

Fit for purpose methods are to be used to secure objects at all times.

BEST PRACTICE

N/A

PHOTOGRAPHS



IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS

All Site/Asset Managers to undertake an urgent inspection of all signage erected at height to ensure the methods used for securing the signage are fit for purpose.

This Safety Alert is issued by the Corporate Safety & Health Team. For further information please contact:

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