Safety Share 014



Location: Warland Reservoir

Description of task: Cable Percussion drilling using tracked dumper mounted cut-down rig

What went wrong? When lowering the shell into the borehole the base of the shell became stuck on

the rim of the casing. The Drilling Support Operative went to dislodge the shell

and in doing so got his finger trapped between the shell and the casing.

A full sized shell was being used on cut down mast.

The drill crew, while individually experienced, had not worked together before.

How was this resolved? All work was halted and first aid was administered immediately. Injured party

was then taken to hospital. Injuries sustained included deep wound & broken

finger.



Splint & bandage applied due to injury

Lessons Learned:

- When working with a new crew member, regardless of experience, ensure you have an agreed set of verbal & visual signals for all drilling operations.
- Ensure you remain vigilant at all times around the work area as complacency can often lead to injury.
- If you require familiarisation training for using a cut down rig, contact your Rig Coordinator.
- When working with a cut down rig ensure you are supplied with cut down tooling.
- If you have not been supplied with cut down tooling, contact your Rig Co-ordinator.
- If you are at all unsure on the above, contact your Rig Co-ordinator.
- All incidents and near misses are to be reported immediately to the incident helpline: 01283 554545.

