Flash Alert

High Voltage (11kV) cable damaged

Incident details

Site name: Scarborough ECI	**Incident type:** NISS (Non-injury service strike)	**Date:** 03/11/26

High energy/impact activity: Electrical

Description	High energy hazards involved
During ground investigation works at Scarborough ECI, the borehole drilling team damaged an 11kV underground electricity cable. This occurred during the preparation stage in advance of the borehole installation where the team is required to hand dig the first 1.2m. No one was injured.	Electrical

Photos



Photo 1: Cable damage, as uncovered by repair team



Photo 2: Drilling rig set up



Photo 3: Damage location

Immediate action taken

- The task was stopped immediately and the area made safe.
- Northern Power Grid were notified, attended the site and repaired the damaged cable.
- The client, SHEQ team and senior management were notified and an investigation commenced.

Actions required

- **High Energy Hazards** (HEH) must be controlled with either **one direct control** or a minimum **of two secondary controls.**
- Review and cross check all available utility information before breaking ground, including statutory undertaker drawings, service surveys, site information and the Services Handover Pack.
- CAT and Genny scan the proposed excavation area and positively identify expected services before excavation starts.
- Ensure the permit to break ground identifies all known services and the controls required to prevent contact. Carry out all permit to dig handovers at the point of work.
- Where information conflicts, a service cannot be located, or there is any doubt, **stop work and report.**

Please ensure your teams are briefed on the above incident and associated learnings.

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