



Vehicle Fatality

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Safety Alert

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The following incident has been reported to the CAGC.

Sequence of Events

At approximately 1:05 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th, 2000, a GMC Suburban carrying six members of a recording crew with Norcana Resource Services was involved in a serious motor vehicle incident. The vehicle was travelling north on the Two Lakes Road, south of Grande Prairie, Alberta. It appears that oncoming traffic forced the driver of the Norcana vehicle to pull over to the right hand shoulder. The driver then lost control, and the vehicle rolled into the right hand ditch. Norcana crew members, several First Aid Attendants and members of two other seismic crews responded to the scene immediately. Two of the occupants of the suburban were trapped underneath the vehicle. A crane truck located near the scene was used to lift the vehicle. Three men were transported to Grande Prairie Hospital by helicopter, two others were transported by ground ambulance, and the sixth Norcana employee was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident. At present, two men are still in hospital in Grande Prairie with back injuries, and three other personnel are in Calgary recovering from minor injuries.

An investigation is currently being conducted, and a full report is expected in the near future. Any questions can be directed towards Randy Walker at Norcana Resource Services phone: (403) 720-0750.