



Arm Amputation – Drill Contractor

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Safety Alert

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The following incident has been reported to the CAGC by Solid State Geophysical Inc.

Explanation

On December 29/00 a drilling subcontractor sustained an arm amputation when his shirt became entangled with the rotating drill stem as he was in the process of installing stem wipes.

Conclusion

Upon investigation it appears the driller was not wearing close fitting clothing as required while working around rotating machinery. Therefore, the proper work procedures were not followed.

Recommendations

It is recommended that all geophysical contractors and sub-contractor's immediately conduct and document a safety meeting concerning this occurrence.