



Safety Alert

To: All Crews and Offices

From: HSE Department

Date: 5/18/2005

Seismic Driller Injury

This preliminary report is subject to a final independent investigation.

A Val's Drilling Ltd. Seismic Driller Incurred a serious eye injury while on the jobsite near Olds, Alberta on April 29, 2005.

Description:

During operations on a seismic project, a driller and his helper were drilling a seismic shot-hole to a depth of 50 feet. It was reported that he raised the rotary with pipe connected to the top, meaning to break the bottom connection, when he was struck in the right eye by a piece of metal or dirt. The driller was given all proper PPE for the job and was reinforced to wear all of it. The driller was not wearing proper eye protection and subsequently lost his right eye after several surgeries.

Recommendations:

- Always wear proper personal protective equipment.
- HSE department must supply all employees with all proper PPE.
- Supervisors and company management must always enforce wearing proper PPE on any jobsite under any conditions.
- This alert has been communicated to all personnel at Val's Drilling Ltd. and also presented to the CAGC.