

SAFETY ALERT

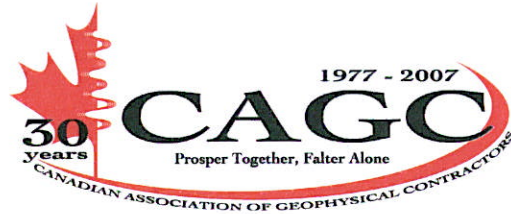
PLACARD CARDS - EXPLOSIVES

INCIDENT DATE:

February 5, 2007

INCIDENT LOCATION:

Southern Alberta



DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT:

The CAGC ERAP phone line received a call from Fire and Rescue indicating a seismic truck had rolled over; although the truck was found upright, the top was damaged indicating it had rolled once and came to rest on its wheels.

When RCMP arrived at the incident scene the driver of this unit was not present, once Fire and Rescue arrived, they conducted a brief search of the interior of the cab finding an ERP book and calling the CAGC Emergency line. The reason this was done was because both placards on the seismic truck indicated there were explosives on board - fortunately there were not, however several phone calls had to be made before this was clarified.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTCOMES:

After assessing the incident scene, it was determined a hazard was not present, Fire and Rescue then conducted traffic control until the driver returned to the scene and had the truck towed away.

Recommendations

- Check to ensure that each means of containment displays the correct safety marks before you take possession of it
- Verify all placards are in good working condition
- Carry the TDG Emergency Response Guidebook during all transports and make sure it is easily accessible
- Become familiar with the TDG Emergency Response
- Be familiar with the ERAP plan outlined by your company
- When transporting empty trucks, turn placards to the closed position

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ADDITIONAL INCIDENT INFORMATION:

It is unclear at this time if the placards on the seismic truck were incorrectly displayed or if both placard clips were previously broken or broken during the rollover. It is extremely important to always verify placard clips are working and displaying the correct materials being transported.

For the safety of Emergency Responders, the general public and you – the carrier, it is always very important to ensure your placards correctly reflect the cargo you are transporting (if any at all). This will assist responders in making initial decisions upon arriving at the scene of a dangerous goods incident and help them respond in a safe and timely manner and with the correct apparatus & equipment

