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# Worker Struck by Lightning – Near Miss

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# Safety Alert

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## ***Incident Date***

November 12, 2007

## ***Incident Location***

Grande Prairie Area

## ***Description of the Incident***

A drilling crew was working in a newly developed area abundant with construction, infrastructure and pipelines. Drilling was conducted within approximately 1.5 metres of an underground power line. Personnel from an adjacent construction site witnessed what was going on and verbally warned the drillers that there was an underground power line nearby.

## ***Outcome***

After speaking with the construction personnel all drilling activity ceased and it was discovered that a power line of 14,000 volts had been installed but not yet registered with Alberta First Call.

## ***Recommendations***

When working in areas containing new infrastructure it is important to verify with local municipalities what has been recently completed that may not yet be registered.

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