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Safety Alert

Slipform Auger Incident

28h June 2019

Background information

During the course of slipform operations on the A14, a concrete finisher attempted to take concrete from a slipform machine auger using a shovel. The operative placed the shovel into the auger whilst it was still in operation. This is contrary to the agreed RAMS and as the operation progressed, the shovel became trapped in the auger causing the operative to lose control of the shovel. This resulted in the shovel snapping, causing the end of the handle to hit the operative's right cheek.
The IP was taken to a local hospital as a precautionary measure, where it was confirmed by medical professionals that the injury was limited to bruising only.

Immediate Actions Taken

- All works in the area were immediately stopped.
- A full review of RAMS and work activity was completed.
- The IP completed drug and alcohol tests, which returned a negative result.

Re-occurrence Prevention

- The contractor management completed a formal review of the processes, ensuring compliance with the agreed process in compliance to their safe system of work.
- All staff were re-briefed prior to re-commencing work.
- Investigations are currently ongoing.

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