

# Significant Safety & Health Incident Alert



**Division:** NZ Infrastructure

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**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013

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**Site:** Auckland Road  
Maintenance Alliance

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**Business Unit:** NZ Infrastructure

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**Energy type:** Vehicular

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**(Potential) Damage:** Elevated Potential  
Class One

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## Incident Details

An incident occurred on an ARMA worksite, where a truck reversing back to a road profiler made contact with a Traffic Controller.

Prior to the incident the operator of the profiler asked the Site Traffic Management Supervisor for a wider work area in which to operate. The Site Traffic Management Supervisor instructed the Traffic Controller to move traffic cones positioned between the profiler and the waiting truck to increase the work area.

The waiting truck driver saw a hand signal he believed was instructing him to reverse back up to the profiler. As the truck was reversing, the driver noticed some cars coming out of a private driveway on his right hand side within the work area. The truck driver applied the brakes and almost simultaneously, he heard an instruction for him to stop. The truck driver stopped the truck, got out and then realised that he had made contact with the traffic controller who was relocating the cones.

The traffic controller was unharmed and did not require any first aid or medical treatment.

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## Alert follow up



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### Reminder

This incident is currently being investigated. Project Managers are reminded of the importance of the following controls:

- Every effort must be made to eliminate the need for personnel to work in and around the area of operating mobile plant (*refer Construction Safety Essential Number 5*)
- Every effort must be made to eliminate the need for project personnel to work in close proximity or adjacent to live traffic. Elimination should be considered at the start of the works planning process (*Refer Construction Safety Essential Number 8*)
- Traffic Management & Pedestrian Management Plans must be approved & strictly adhered to. Audits/inspections of the plans must be carried out in accordance with the relevant traffic authority's & project Safety Management Plan requirements.
- Verifying that controls to manage critical risks are in place and that they are effective before commencing the task occurs.
- Ensuring that there is a reliable means of communication in place, especially when there are situations that involve the movement of mobile plant and vehicluur/pedestrian traffic.

This incident alert is to be placed on all safety notice boards and discussed at safety communication forums. fatally

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<b>Incident no: 55661</b>	<b>Date of incident</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
<b>Incident description</b> Traffic Controller Struck by moving vehicle on Worksite		

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## To: All Project Managers

Please analyse the attached report and answer the following questions:

### 1. Could this incident occur within your area of responsibility at your project?

Yes       No

If yes, what control measures do we currently have that would eliminate the potential for an occurrence of this type (or similar) on your project?

If no, please note the reasons, sign, date and return the form to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

### 2. Are these control measures sufficient to prevent or *mitigate the risk* of an incident of this type (or similar) described in the Significant Incident Report (attached)

Yes       No

If yes, please sign, date and return to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

**Project Manager name**

**Project name  
Business Unit**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

If no to above, please raise an incident report listing the required actions and accountabilities; note the incident report number below and return these forms to your Business Unit Safety Manager.

**Incident report no**

**Date**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

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