

High Potential Incident Alert - 159

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Procedural breach while cleaning mobile rock crusher

INCIDENT SUMMARY

During a routine site walk around, it was realised that a person was cleaning the mobile impact crusher from inside the machine with the key still in the ignition.

The job was immediately stopped and an incident investigation was initiated.



CRITICAL FACTORS

- 1. The work party had not received training on the crusher as they were off swing.
- 2. The permit was issued within a designated greenfields site that allowed for general permits covering like tasks.
- 3. The JSA and the Permit to Work issued did not cover cleaning the crusher.
- 4. The contractor's supervisor did not review the Permit or JSA to ensure it covered the tasks being undertaken as required by the contractor's EHSMP.

KEY LESSONS

- The contractor's training/ personnel matrix will be audited against current and future works.
- A debrief session with contractor personnel has been conducted that included reiterating of the sites' Permit to Work and ISA requirements.
- Lessons learnt regarding adherence to permit to work standards and procedures will be rolled out across all Australian operations.

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