



Weatherford

QHSSE ADVISORY

Advisory Number: 2-3-EW-AO-GL-00001 rev0
Date: 24. August 2009

NEAR MISS – Metal particles Missing Employees Eyes

Incident Description

A Service Technician attempted to prepare a Single Joint Elevator for a MPI Inspection. While trying to push the Center Pin out of its position the Technician used a chisel and hammer. While hammering two metal pieces chipped off the chisel at high velocity and missed the Technician's face & eyes by just a few centimeters. Apparently the Service Technician did not use Safety Glasses / Goggles or Face Shield which would have protected his face & eyes.

Simulated Situation of Event



Damaged Chisel



Immediate Action taken:

Stop Work Authority & Time out for Safety intervention was initiated by his colleague who had just arrived at the Workstation and saw the two metal particles passing his colleague's face/eyes.

The damaged chisel was immediately taken out of service.

Investigation Findings

- Wrong tools used to carry out the task
- Mandatory PPE (Safety Glasses / Face Shield) not used

Corrective Action

- Always use the correct tools for the job.
- Always review Risk Assessments and Job Safety Analysis prior to the job.
- Always wear correct Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE).

QHSSE Contact:

Andreas Behnke
QHSSE Supervisor – Weatherford Angola / Cabinda
andreas.behnke@eu.weatherford.com