



**SAFETY ALERT - #07-2007**  
**INDUSTRY ALERT – WELLHEAD BOOM TRUCK OPERATIONS**  
**RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2007**

<b>Function:</b> Servicing	<b>Incident Date:</b> 2006/07
<b>Location:</b> Onshore	<b>Location Detail:</b> Wellsites
<b>Incident Type:</b> Hoisting personnel and moving equipment	<b>Country and Region:</b> Canada

**Description of Incident:**

Alberta Regulation 272/2000 restricts the craft of Wellhead Boom Truck Operators to the following operations:

- Wellhead pumping operations
- Wireline operations
- Perforating operations
- Coil tubing operations
- Snubbing operations
- Rig-up and rig out of slant service rigs

These operations are restricted to wellhead and certified wellhead boom truck operators. These operators are not permitted to move equipment around on wellsites.

Attention has been drawn to incidents where certified wellhead boom truck operators have been hoisting personnel at wellsites and moving equipment such as tanks, shacks, pipe tables, etc. around on wellsites.

The use of boom trucks to hoist personnel is discouraged except in the most exceptional circumstances. Where a decision is made to use a boom truck to hoist personnel at the wellsite, a proper hazard assessment must be conducted and recorded, and all applicable requirements of Occupational Health and Safety legislation and CSA Z150-98 – Safety Code on Mobile Cranes – must be complied with. The hoisting of personnel is not specifically referenced in the scope of operations permitted under the wellhead boom truck operator craft and, therefore, wellhead boom truck operators are not permitted to hoist personnel.

Journeymen boom truck operators or apprentices under supervision should be used for moving equipment around on a wellsite or hoisting personnel, and only when all applicable legislation and procedures are complied with.

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