

AKOSH NARRATIVE REPORT

April 17, 2019
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC
CSHO: Jim Pinder

Inspection #1365178

CSHO ID: A3578

I departed Anchorage at 2:50 PM and arrived in Prudhoe Bay at approximately 4:30 PM and was greeted by a transport driver from Kuukpik Drilling. The ride from the airport to Milne Point took approximately 1 ½ hours. Upon arriving, I was escorted to a conference room where Management from Kuukpik Drilling and Hilcorp Alaska were waiting with the crew member that were present at the time of the accident.

Employee interviews were conducted

Walk-around:

At approximately 10:30 PM the walk-around inspection started on the drill rig where the incident occurred. Photographs were taken of all the equipment involved in the incident and of the control panel located in the control room. [REDACTED] with Kuukpik Drilling and [REDACTED] with Hilcorp Alaska described the different parts of the drill rig and the job duties of each crew member on the rig floor. They explained the process of pulling the pipe from the ground and placing it on the skate, which was taken place at the time of the incident.

After reviewing the video the employer provided, it was determined that a Hilcorp Alaska Supervisor visited the rig floor and control room once before midnight and after. He also directed staff to clean up the rig floor after the first responders removed the body.

Closing Conference:

On 4/9/2019 at approximately 8:45 am, a Closing Conference was held in the AKOSH training room with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. During the closing conference the 11 items on the closing conference worksheet were read aloud with an emphasis on employee Whistleblower protections and the 15 working day time limit. I explained and encouraged the use of consultation and training available through AKOSH. Copies of the closing conference, employer responsibilities, OSHA consultation fact sheet, request for consultation, workers compensation memo were provided.

Evaluation of Health and Safety Program

Code:	0 = Nonexistent	1 = Inadequate	2 = Average	3 = Above Average
A. HSE Policy			X	
B.				

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Conclusions:

Based on the inspection findings and employee interviews the follow alleged violations were noted.

Serious:

1. Suspended loads – walking/working under
2. Bloodborne Pathogens - husekeeping

Violation Worksheet

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		Inspection Number		1365178	
		Opt. Insp. Number			
Establishment Name	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC				
DBA Name					
Type Of Violation	Serious	Citation Number	1	Item/Group	1 /
Number Exposed	3	No. Instances	1	REC	
Special Enforcement?			Employer's Relationship to Hazard	All	
Standard	1910.181(i)(4)(ii)				
Substance Codes			Photo/Video Number		
Alleged Violation Description	<p>29 CFR 1910.181(i)(4)(ii):</p> <p>181 Derricks</p> <p>(i) Handling the load</p> <p>(4) Holding the load</p> <p>(ii) People should not be permitted to stand or pass under a load on the hook.</p> <p>Example: Employees are exposed to struck by/caught between hazards as a result of the employer's failure to ensure that employees do not walk or work under suspended loads while on the drill rig. On 12/7/2018, while removing pipe from the ground, an employee was fatality injured when he walked under a suspended load and was struck on the back of the head when the load was accidentally released.</p>				
Recommended Abatement Action	Enforce company policy on walking/working under a suspended loads				

Penalty

Severity	High		
Severity Justification	Death, permanent disability, chronic or irreversible illness		
Probability	Greater		
Probability Justification	An employee was fatality injured while walking/working under a suspended load.		
Number of Times Repeated			
Gravity	High	Gravity based Penalty	12934.00
Multiplier		Size	0%
Good Faith		History	
Quick Fix			
Calculated Penalty	12934.00	Proposed Penalty	12934.00

Proposed Penalty Justification:	
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Abatement Details

Days to Abate	15 Wkg Days	Abatement Status	
User-entered Abatement Due Date		Date Abated	
Abatement Documentation Required?	Yes	Date Verified	
Abatement Completed Description:			

MultiStep Abatement

Type/Other Type	Days to abate	User entered Abatement Due Date	Completed(status)	Verify Date

Employee Exposure

Exposure Instance	No. Exposed	Employer	Name and Address Telephone Numbers	Duration	Frequency	Proximity
1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	6.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 8 feet
1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	1.00 year	Daily	In control room
1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 month	Daily	within 4 feet

1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	1.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 3 feet
1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 year	12 hrs Daily	within 2 feet
1	6	Kuukpik Drilling, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 2 feet

20. **Instance Description:** A. Hazard B. Equipment C. Location D. Injury/Illness E. Measurements

- a) **Hazards-Operation/Condition-Accident:** Walking/working under a suspended load
- b) **Equipment:** Drill pipe
- c) **Location:** Milne Point, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska
- d) **Injury/Illness (and Justifications for Severity and Probability):** Death, permanent disability
- e) **Measurements:** 28 feet

23. **Employer Knowledge:** Employer, Drilling Manager, [REDACTED] stated that it was common practice for workers to walk/work under a suspended drill pipe when placing it onto the skate.

24. **Comments:** Employer, Operations Manager, [REDACTED] stated that a new policy has been put into place concerning walking/working under a suspended load.

25. **Other Employer Information:** Kuukpik Drilling

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DBA Name					
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Number Exposed	515	No. Instances	1	REC	
Special Enforcement?			Employer's Relationship to Hazard	All	
Standard	1910.1030(d)(4)(ii)(A)				
Substance Codes			Photo/Video Number		
Alleged Violation Description	<p>29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(4)(ii)(A):</p> <p>1030 Bloodborne pathogens.</p> <p>(d) Methods of Compliance</p> <p>(4) Housekeeping</p> <p>(ii) All equipment and environmental and working surfaces shall be cleaned and decontaminated after contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.</p> <p>(A) Contaminated work surfaces shall be decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant after completion of procedures; immediately or as soon as feasible when surfaces are overtly contaminated or after any spill of blood or other potentially infectious materials; and at the end of the work shift if the surface may have become contaminated since the last cleaning.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Employees are exposed to bloodborne pathogen health hazards due to the employers failure to have the contaminated working surface properly cleaned and decontaminated after contact with blood. On 12/18/18 the employer provided a video recording of the incident that occurred on 12/7/18 when an employee was fatality injured after being struck on the head by a drill pipe. After the employee was removed from the rig floor, employees were instructed by a supervisor to wipe up the blood with rags and rinse the floor off with water from a hose. Some of the employees were wearing work gloves and some were not. This was observed on the video recording the employer provided, approximate time from 03:16:00 to 03:20:00.</p>				
Recommended Abatement Action	Train employees on Bloodborne pathogens and provide proper PPE				

Penalty

Severity	High
Severity Justification	Illnesses such as Hepatitis B.
Probability	Greater
Probability Justification	

Number of Times Repeated			
Gravity	High	Gravity based Penalty	12934.00
Multiplier		Size	0%
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Proposed Penalty Justification:			

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Employee Exposure

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1	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	5.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 6 feet
11	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	6.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 4 feet
	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	1.00 year	12 hrs Daily	In control room

			[REDACTED]			
1	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 3 feet
1	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	1.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 2 feet
1	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 year	12 hrs Daily	within 2 feet
1	7	Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	[REDACTED]	2.00 month	12 hrs Daily	within 2 feet

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a) **Hazards-Operation/Condition-Accident:** Employees who were not trained or provided PPE were instructed to clean up the blood and contaminated rags off the rig floor after an employees was fatality injured after being struck in the head by a drill pipe

b) **Equipment:**

c) **Location:** Milne Point, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

d) **Injury/Illness (and Justifications for Severity and Probability):** Possible exposure to hepatitis B or other biological pathogens

e) **Measurements:** None taken. Used video evidence

23. **Employer Knowledge:** Employer admitted to having a Bloodborne Pathogens Policy but failed to follow it.

24. **Comments:** During the employee interview, it was determined that a supervisor instructed them to clean up the rig floor after the accident

25. **Other Employer Information:** Kuukpik Drilling