

INCIDENT REPORT

NNE ERP WELL PAD

04/21/2021

At approximately 1:30 PM today, Tom Cutlip, an operator for High Point Construction, was running an excavator with a hammer on it busting rock. At a point during the operation, the excavator toppled over onto its right side. There were no injuries and minimal damage to the equipment. A small amount of motor oil, approximately 1 quart spilled out of the machine onto some of the rock. The machine was up righted and left overnight to allow the fluids to go back in place and the oil was cleaned up with oil soaks. NNE was notified along with High Point. A safety stand down was called for on Thursday morning 4-22-21 at 8 AM.

Upon further review, the following procedural deficiencies were identified.

Tom Cutlip is a long time High Point employee. He typically operates a rock truck or a roller but has experience on dozer and frequently operates an excavator with a hammer. However, he doesn't operate an excavator on a daily basis.

Darius Lattea worked around the rock pile with Tom for an hour just to make sure he was comfortable with the operation.

Due to his lack of consistent seat time on that particular machine, Tom didn't realize that he was swinging the boom of the hoe out over the rock pile perpendicular to his tracks instead of parallel to his tracks.

The right side track was sitting on the rock pile and the change of weight to the side of the machine caused the rocks to shift which then allowed the track to drop into a void resulting in a roll over.

Moving forward, it has been determined that the procedure for hammering stone will continue as it has with one exception. The operator will keep the tracks of the machine positioned so that the boom is always in front of the tracks.

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