

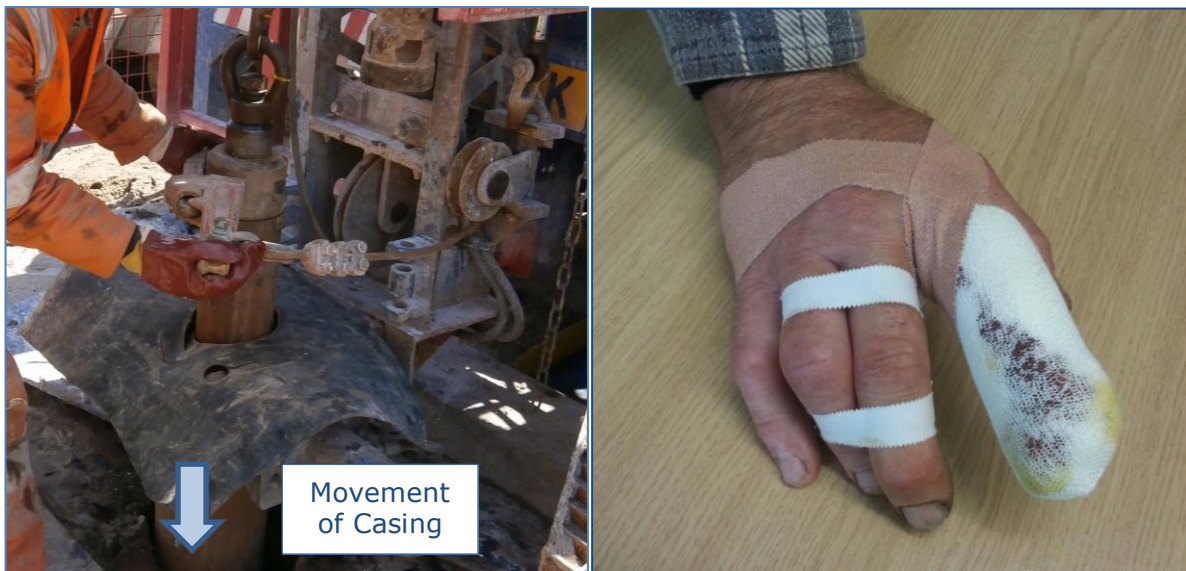
PROJECT BULLETIN BUL/015

Health, Safety & Environmental

SAFETY ALERT

On the 5th June 2014 two operatives were operating a Hands England rotary drill rig as part of a ground investigation survey for the Feeder 9 National Grid Gas Transmission River Humber pipeline replacement project.

They were removing a Geobore Drive Head using a set of 36" Stilsons attached to a breakout ram. The assistant driller (injured person) was holding the Stilsons in place waiting for the breakout ram to engage. As the breakout ram operated, the casing dropped approximately 6" trapping the injured person's fingers between the Stilsons and the clamp table.



The assistant driller was taken to hospital where it was confirmed that he had sustained fractures to his index and middle fingers.

An investigation is on-going to determine the cause of the incident. Initial observations indicate that the casing was not positioned directly in the centre of the clamps and was only supported by the rear clamps. The rig has been placed in quarantine pending the results of the incident investigation.