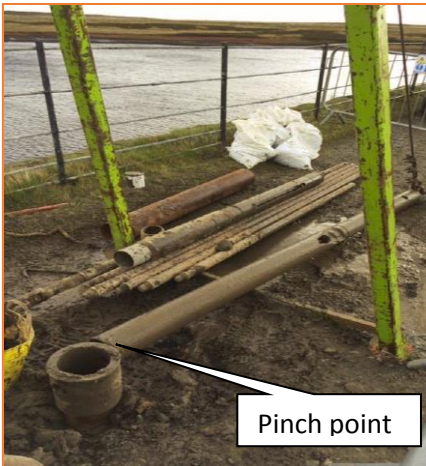




# Two significant hand injuries

## Ground investigation contractors badly injured.



We have had two separate injuries to drilling contractor's hands, both while using cable percussive rigs. One person has a fractured finger and the other person suffered an amputated thumb.

**Warland Impounding reservoir** – the driller was inserting the shell into the casing already in the ground when his little finger became trapped between the two. This resulted in a fractured finger.

**Schola Green pumping station** – Drilling was in progress when it appears the winch cable left the constraints of the winch mast and came in contact with the driller's left hand which was resting on the side of the mast.

As the rig continued to operate his thumb was trapped between the winch cable and the structure of the mast. Sufficient force was applied resulting in his left thumb being severed. Efforts made to re-attach his thumb in hospital were not successful.



### Next steps:

- The incidents are currently under investigation with the respective contractors, drilling rig manufacturer and trade associations.
- We are reviewing our policy on the use of cable percussive rigs.

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