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Swivel Hook Incident STW, Hinckley to Hartshill - Incident

Incident Details

Contract Number: 1002000407-08

Date: 25/06/2024 | Scheme: Hinckley To Hartshill (H2H) | On-Site Location: AP12, Manhole 4

Incident Summary

On Tuesday 25th June 2024, the team at Access Point 12 (AP12), Manhole 4, had excavated to depth to allow the installation of the manhole to take place.

The team fitted both panels together with the struts as per the assembly instructions. The slinger/signaller and supervisor moved out of the exclusion zone.

The machine operator then lifted the assembled Manhole Box to the side of the spread. This involved lifting the assembled box a few feet off the ground and moving it about 5 metres to the side of the spread.

During this lifting operation the swivel hook broke and the box landed back on the ground.

No operatives were in the proximity when the incident occurred.

Photographs







Photo 2: Trench box that was being lifted at time of incident

Immediate Action Taken

All lifting activities were paused, and an investigation was carried out.

Further Information and Next Steps

Actions from investigation:

- Slinger/Signallers responsibilities must include a requirement to check the Lift Plan prior to each lifting operation
- A robust plan for visually checking all lifting equipment and accessories, prior to any lifting operation, must be in place.
- Assurance checks must be undertaken to ensure that slinger/signallers are undertaking these visual checks before lifting operations.
- Plant involved with lifting is only to lift when instructed by the designated Slinger/signaller.

Please ensure your teams are briefed on the above incident and resulting corrective actions.

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