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INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION:	CONCRETE PRODUCTS	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	TRANSPORT / DELIVERY	DATE ISSUED:	21/12/2010
SUB ACTIVITY:	PRODUCT DELIVERY	INCIDENT No:	00278

TITLE

Selection & Use of Correct Eye Protection

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

A number of recent incidents have occurred where people were not wearing the correct type of eye protection for the task they are carrying out.

Two of these incidents occurred during the delivery and use of admixtures. The first was when a delivery driver was about to discharge additive into a tank on site; he decided to look into the tank to check the level when the additive splashed back and hit him in the face. The second incident occurred when an operator was removing the dispensing pipe from a defective admixture pump. Some product squirted out of the pipe and covered the operator. In a third incident a Batcher opened the batch cabin window to look into the back of a truckmixer when he got an eyeful of cement dust; cement is an alkali and can cause severe burns.

In all three cases the safety glasses that were being used did not provide sufficient protection and goggles should have been worn to protect the eyes.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

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Injury as a result of coming into contact with cement

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

PPE Requirements - Eye and Face Protection must be worn in hazardous areas – Risk assessments and Safe Systems of working should be reviewed to ensure they highlight what PPE is required. When carrying out risk assessments, goggles should be considered for tasks involving liquids and dusts, such as acid washing, pressure washing or any other task where safety glasses are not considered to give adequate protection. Engineering controls should be in place that minimise the need for PPE. All employees, contractors & visitors should wear the correct level of PPE.

Correct training – All employees should be trained in the correct use of PPE and suitable supervision should be in place to ensure compliance. PPE compliance should be checked regularly, for example, during 'Visible Felt Leadership' interviews.

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