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INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION:	ASPHALT/COATING PLANT	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	TRANSPORT / DELIVERY	DATE ISSUED:	22/12/2010
SUB ACTIVITY:	PRODUCT DELIVERY	INCIDENT No:	00280

TITLE

Tanker Driver gets Tackcoat in eye

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

A Tackcoat Tanker driver was sprayed with Tackcoat whilst checking for a leak on the Tanker and subsequently got a drop of Tackcoat in his eye.

It had been reported to the Tanker driver that he had Tackcoat leaking from his tanker by a representative of the client. The driver got out of his cab wearing his PPE. He pulled down his helmet visor and proceeded to walk round his vehicle checking for the leak.

As he was checking an area behind the cab he was sprayed with Tackcoat which hit his helmet and bottom part of his visor, the rest being shielded by the peak of his helmet. However, a small amount managed to trickle into the corner of his eye. The driver washed his eye with eye wash. He later attended his local hospital where he was treated with eye drops as a precaution, though after this he could not then drive for 24 hours.

The driver did not have a current risk assessment for this task and had not carried out the company's 'Take 1 risk assessment'; had this been done he could have been wearing more suitable eye protection. Had he not been wearing his visor the injuries sustained could have been far worse.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

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Helmet

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ALWAYS WEAR THE CORRECT PPE – Where there is a substance being sprayed or there is a leak; a full face visor is considered to be more suitable and should be carried by all tackcoat sprayers and tackcoat tanker drivers.

(Editors note: this could also be covered as part of the driver's training and possibly similar hoses should be checked for wear).

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