

Contractor Near Miss Report

Potential Electrical Shock



Potential Outcome: Personnel injury

Activity: A public works electrician assigned to disconnect power to a base support contractor's trailer arrived at worksite and found the a sub-contractor had started to disconnect power to the trailer without the PW electrician first disconnecting the base power to the trailer's live supply circuits. The SPAR for the contract stopped the sub-contractor from working to allow the PW electrician to disconnect the base power prior to work continuing. Once the PW electrician had finished disconnecting the base power and the SPAR briefed the contractors regarding the requirements for working live circuits, the contractor was permitted to continuing complete their work.



Possible Causes:

- Working on a live electrical circuit without proper processes or PPE
- Insufficient prime contractor oversight
- Insufficient work planning and communication to involved stakeholders

Behaviors to be Learned:

- Work requiring actions of a blended crew – government and contractor – must be well coordinated and well communicated to all involved parties
- Work on energize circuits requires careful planning, approval, processes and PPE to ensure the work is performed safely

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