



Safety Alert

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STRINGING UP DRILL LINE RESULTS IN LTI

WHAT HAPPENED:

While stringing the drill line on a new rig, the injured party (IP) was 'pulling' or 'guiding' the deadline between two crown sheaves. At that time, the IP's fingers on his right hand got caught between the deadline and the keeper guard. The result was the amputation of two finger tips on his right hand.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

A safety meeting was held prior to doing this job. A JSA was conducted to properly identify the hazards and risk-reducing methods. However, it became apparent that all known hazards were not fully identified by the IP. The IP was doing a job that did not need performing. The drill line string did not need to be manually pulled as it was being fed mechanically. The decision of the injured Supervisor to place his right hand in that position was both tragic and unnecessary.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company instructed Rig Supervisors' in the following:

- Better planning of critical tasks is required by Leadership.
- A thorough JSA must be conducted with all Rig Supervision and personnel involved in the job being performed.



The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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