

HIGH POTENTIAL INCIDENT ANNOUNCEMENT URGENT

Business Unit:			
Country:	USA	Contact:	
Date of Incident:	07/02/04	Time of Incident:	18:05
Location of Incident:			

<p>Brief Account of Incident:</p> <p>Contractor was conducting a hydrotest on a 6000 foot section of a new pipeline. At approximately 18:00 the contractor noticed a small leak near the discharge of the hydrotest pump fitting that is attached to the pull head. Three contractor employees were approximately 30 feet from the fitting when it failed. The pressure on the pipeline at the time of the incident was 1750 psi. The hydrotest hose and fittings impacted all three workers. One sustained a broken arm and two sustained broken ribs. The injured were taken by air ambulance to a hospital where they are in stable condition.</p> <p>Upon initial investigation, it was discovered that a weld on one of the hydrotest fittings had failed.</p>
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Potential Outcome	Serious Injury or fatality
Likely Causes	The equipment supplied by the contractor may have been inappropriate for the job.
Actions Taken	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency response personnel arrived at scene to treat injured workers. Three workers were taken by air ambulance to a hospital. 2. Immediately secured incident location and preserved all evidence awaiting arrival of Root Cause Investigation Team. RCI Team will be on site on Monday, July 5, 2004. 3. Conducted an internal incident investigation to gather data and facts directly related to the incident for review
Person in charge of Response/Investigation	