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Dear Sir or Madam:

National Energy Board Safety Advisory

Please find enclosed a safety advisory regarding equipment and/or procedures to ensure the safety of personnel working on road sides

Should you have any questions concerning this advisory, please contact Rick Fisher at (403) 299-2798.

Yours truly,

Michel Mantha
Secretary

Worker Killed While Repairing a Vehicle on the Side of an Ice Road

Background

In January 2002, an accident resulting in a fatality occurred in the Northwest Territories. While workers were attempting repairs on a tracked vehicle at the side of an ice road, one worker was struck by a tractor trailer truck and subsequently died of his injuries.

Preventive Actions

Operators must ensure that the equipment and/or procedures are in place to ensure the safety of personnel working at the side of roads. It is recommended that;

1.   All motorised vehicles associated with the petroleum industry should have roadside emergency kits including signage in the form of reflective triangles, first aid kits, and fire extinguishers.

2.   All personnel associated with the petroleum industry should receive training with respect to using the roadside as a work place, abandoning vehicles along the roadside, and the proper deployment of reflective barriers.

3.   At no time should workers place themselves between vehicles to initiate repairs along the roadside unless personnel are present to direct and control traffic along the roadside work site.

4.   All personnel conducting roadside repairs should wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), in the form of hard hats, reflective or high visibility clothing, and/or specialised PPE to conduct the roadside repair or abandoned vehicle rescue.

For additional information regarding this safety advisory, please contact the National Energy Board at (403) 292-4800.

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