

INCIDENTES

Todos los peligros pueden ser identificados y los riesgos controlados

¡Towards establishing an injury-free culture at Cerrejón! Working with uncontrolled risks is unacceptable

Incident type and consequence: Actual: Lost Time Injury – Potential: Fatality	Incident Date and Time: 17 Sep 08 / 08:30 Site: Cerrejón Coal - Country: Colombia
Contractor Incident – Dept.: Operation Services / Eng. & Construction	Incident Id: 17823

SHEC High Potential Incident: Contractor employee suffered burns when a lightning struck a pick-up truck buggy whip parked in construction area.

Description

A laborer employed by Gayco, a construction contractor, suffered whip-like second and third degree burns in his arm and thorax. The incident occurred in the construction area of a change house at the New Mining Areas, which is an open area without permanent facilities and still without lightning protection. The construction work had been stopped due to the rain and the laborer was securing a portable ladder they had placed on the pick-up truck body, when a lightning struck the pick-up truck buggy whip.

Fatal Risk Control Protocol: Other



Immediate actions

- Contractor employee received medical attention at the mine's medical facility. Cardiovascular monitoring showed normal condition. Sent to the Maicao hospital for observation in the intensive care unit. Health condition is satisfactory.
- Investigation initiated. Investigation initiated. The incident was communicated throughout the operation, including details on the lightning risk and the effective defences to prevent injuries (existing lightning protections in Cerrejón and safe behaviours under storm condition).

Preliminary Findings

Contractor risk register had not considered the risk of lightning.

Preliminary Recommendations:

Under storm condition avoid working or playing sports at open areas. Stay inside a vehicle or inside a covered area, and away from trees or high structures without lightning protection.