**OPERATIONS, PLANT, SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2021**

**Date of Reported Meeting:** Thursday 11th November 2021

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 3rd March 2022

**Rigging & Derigging Training & Assessment**

Colin Williams is working on a document to set out what should be included in rigging and derigging familiarisation training and the best methods for assessing competence. This follows an incident where an operative got the loading capacity wrong owing to having worked on a different rig of the same make.

**Working platforms**

A video is to be produced on working platforms and the specific risks related to them to help educate site teams so that they are alert to the potential dangers and hazards. Topics to include issues like whether services have been backfilled properly, ramps and risk at the edge of platforms.

**Silica dust guidance**

This is now live in the members area and points Members to resources they can use and some of the considerations in relation to piling.

**Collapses around a pile**

A document is being produced based on a process flow for site teams to assess the risk of there being an over-flighting incident. Technical knowledge is likely to also be needed on the document in order to create a hazard directory. Reference shall also be needed to the existing risk of CFA Over-flighting document produced in 2014/15.

**Safe use of Concrete Pumps**

Updated guidance has been issues and there are plans to create a quick reference guide poster to aid site teams.

**Incident data**

A spike of incidents had been observed owing to the ‘back to work’ effect of operatives coming out of furlough or lockdown or self-isolation. Potentially the oversight of agency operatives is also leading to incidents.

A rig over-turn had occurred where there had been insufficient markings of the edges of the working platform. This was despite weekly inspections and sign-off of the maintenance of the platform. Teams need to be vigilant on knowing precisely where the platform ends in case it presents a hazard to them.

**Safety videos**

A number of safety videos are planned for development around platforms, restricted zones, behavioral safety, mental health and mid week incidents. It was agreed to prioritise the restricted zones video with a view to make this available to clients and site operatives.

**HVO fuels**

Rig manufacturers are to be invited to present at the next meeting on the use of HVO fuels in their rigs and the adaptations that are needed and the wider subject of sustainability as it relates to their equipment.