



# INCIDENT ALERT

## General Information

Date of Incident	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2014
Region	New South Wales
Type of Incident	Lost time

## About the Person

Occupation of Person	Washery Operator
Experience of Person	2 to 5 years
Training Level	Company Induction,
Other Training	No water jetting training
No. of Hours Completed	One hour

## About the Incident

Time of Accident	1:00pm
Result of Injury	Hospital Inpatient
Lost Days	One
Description of Incident	Puncture wound to right arm
What Equipment Category	Class A pressure cleaner
Equipment Used	Class A jetting gun
What happened unexpectedly	The operator was working in a restricted and cramped area and tripped letting go of the gun which did not shut off which allowed the jet of water to impact on the operator's arm.
What Was Person Doing	Cleaning screens

## Corrective Action

What Immediate Action	Operator taken for medical treatment. Incident investigation started. Reporting to regulators
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## Preventative Action

Elimination	Installation of blanking caps on hoses and fittings to stop ingress of dust contamination.
Substitution	Replacement of the defective jetting gun.
Isolation or barriers	Hard barricades will be considered and hose covers for all tasks where vehicle traffic has potential.
Engineering	
Administration	Class A training for all site employees. Pre-start checklists, work procedure and equipment registers established. The class "A" equipment was sent for a thorough inspection by the supplier.
PPE	

## LEARNINGS

Class "A" equipment will cause a water injection injury to the body.
AS/NZS 4233.1 2013 now mandates that operators of Class A equipment shall be trained.
Regular pre-start inspections will identify faulty equipment before use.
Sealing of pressure hoses when not in use will stop the ingress of contamination.