

Wellhead Boom Truck Training

Safety Alert

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Description of Incident:

A wellhead boom truck (WHBT) operator was conducting lifts of completions wellhead equipment using a truck-mounted crane when an opportunity for additional work arose. The client requested that the WHBT operator hoist personnel in a man-basket. Questions were raised by the WHBT operator as to the suitability of the WHBT trade and associated training to fulfill this request.



View of a truck-mounted crane

What Caused It?

Wellhead boom truck operators cannot conduct work that they are not trained for as part of the trade, such as hoisting personnel. Wellhead boom truck operators are only permitted to perform lifts of equipment and materials related to the wellhead.

Contributing Factors

- Confusion regarding the difference between the wellhead boom truck trade and the boom truck trade
- Lack of prohibitive language in occupational health and safety regulation regarding hoisting personnel
- Lack of stakeholder communication; while WHBT operators are informed on the hoisting restriction as part of their training, other industry stakeholders are not as informed

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Corrective/Preventative Actions:

- Site personnel were educated on the differences between boom truck operators and WHBT operators
- An aerial platform was brought to the site to conduct the additional work
- An industry alert was prepared which clarified that WHBT operators are prohibited from hoisting personnel, because they are not trained to do so as part of the trade

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