



# SHEQS Alert

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To: Power

## ***Title: Excavator Counterweight Fatality – Non Babcock***

### **Summary**

This alert has been issued based on information received from another part of Babcock. This accident did not involve any Babcock personnel it does however have relevance to the equipment we use within the Power business.

On April 11, 2012, a 49 year-old excavator operator with approximately 8½ years of experience was fatality injured at a sand and gravel operation.

The operator was removing bolts from a counterweight on the back of an excavator when the counterweight fell and struck him. He was hospitalized and died on April 12, 2012, as a result of his injuries.

**What If.** What if they don't do what this report says? What happens to them?

### ***Learning Points:***

- *Before working on or near equipment, establish safe working procedures in accordance with manufactures recommendations.*
- *Only undertake work on plant and equipment that you are trained to do*
- *Follow the equipment manufacturer's procedures for the work being performed to ensure that all hazards are addressed and risk assessed.*
- *Provide adequate task training to persons assigned to perform the work. Utilise assistance and advice from the manufacturer when the equipment incorporates new technology and features.*
- *Install blocking materials before removing mounting bolts from machinery components which can fall during disassembly*



If you have any questions or queries regarding the above, please contact  
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