Learning Advisory

Cellar Grating Learnings

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Summary:

While securing the wellhead after a production cement job, an employee's foot went through the cellar cover grating, causing the employee to fall over sideways and strike their rib area. The employee was taken for medical evaluation and was released to return to work with no restrictions.

Key Learnings:

- The cellar covers were made from lightweight grating for easier handling, but this material was inadequate for the intended use. The cellar covers were reinforced with a more durable grating to prevent this type of incident from happening again.

Best Practices:

- Evaluate your sites and verify they have heavy duty grating over any openings. If the material is questionable, remove and replace it with sturdy material that can support the maximum intended load for that surface to prevent a similar incident.

Figures:



Figure 1: Cellar cover grating before incident

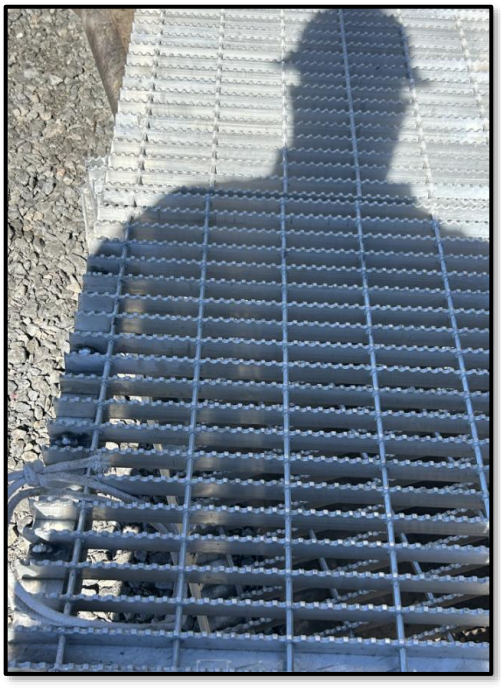


Figure 2: Cellar cover with thicker grating installed after incident

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