



LTI: Back pain and minor leg injury

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Summary: On Tuesday January 19th 2021, approximately at 11:40 AM, an incident took place in a Bio-methane project located at Wittenburg, Germany.

Before starting a service work at a biogas upgrading plant, the team leader was on his way to the plant owner house to register the HZI team.

On his way to the house, he stepped into an open drain covered by water and silage.

Outcomes: The IP suffered a minor abrasion and bruise in his right leg, and backpain which needed medical attention.

Incident Classification: LTI

Photos



Root Causes and Contributory Factors

- Lack of housekeeping (water puddle and silage not removed timely).
- Lack of communication (drain was not signaled nor barricaded).
- Lack of controls (drain cover was not installed).
- Lack of risk perception (IP was not aware of possible hazards beneath the water puddle).

Lesson Learned

- Instruct employees to refrain from entering areas whose condition cannot be accurately assessed and could have hidden hazards.
- This point should also be included in the general RAMS to be created for service activities.
- Share with owners the lesson learned of this incident in order to implement the defined corrective actions.



Every Lesson Learned is an opportunity to avoid recurrences.
What have you done to avoid similar incident on your project?

