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Scaffold Component Contacts Deck in Near Miss

While performing scaffold demo procedures during a recent job, a scaffold leg being lowered with rope made contact with a structure causing the rope to loosen in one place and the leg contacted the deck. An investigation was performed and it was deemed to be a Near Miss vs. a dropped object.

Throughout the investigation, it was determined that the majority of the things performed during this task were done correctly, and safely. However it was determined that on this particular facility, we will be performing things a little differently in the hopes of preventing this from occurring again in the future.

Below are some of the findings from the review of the incident.

- **Finding** - POB was an issue and therefore an employee from another company was tasked with assisting the crew by guiding down the scaffolding materials (by holding the rope from the deck). This was not a normal task for this person.
 - **Corrective Action** - The PM/Supt. moved personnel from a core crew (who was familiar with this task) to assist with this task until completion.
- **Finding** - The diameter of the rope being used to lower the materials was deemed too large to properly grip the material.
 - **Corrective Action** – Ropes and gear used by our rope access crews will be utilized to perform this task moving forward (on this facility). We will assess this process and provide information on path forward once a decision has been made whether to standardize this process.
- **Finding** - We discovered that one of the employees lacked the knot tying experience it takes to perform this type of task.
 - **Corrective Action** – A knot tying class will be conducted prior to starting any scaffolding job (on this facility). It was communicated to us that there was great participation with everyone sharing their knowledge on knot tying within the crew.

We will follow these corrective actions and share additional information as/if it develops.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Corporate HSE department.

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