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## AIRPORT HAZARDS

This Safety Alert was created as a result of a “Serious Near Miss” involving the performance of a task at a private airport. Airport runway projects are one of the most critical for aviation safety since they imply modifying the operating conditions and involve non-aviation personnel on the close vicinity of runway operations. Some Company divisions do perform various tasks associated with public and private airports potentially resulting in this type of hazard.

In this specific case, a co-worker was identified by aviation officials as he traveled down the runway collecting survey data during in-coming air traffic. Although the employee did maintain appropriate radio communications with the pilot alerting them to his location, the pilot made the decision to continue his landing sequence while our company vehicle remained in a hazardous area.

In a typical case involving airports with official tower personnel managing the situation, the pilot would have been required under non-emergency situations to circle the airport while the vehicle traffic on the runway was cleared. Unfortunately in this case, the pilot made the decision to immediately land not allowing our vehicle the proper time to vacate the area.

### *Lessons learned from this incident:*

- ✓ During the absence of official tower personnel to manage runway operations, communication with the pilots through public broadcasting is vital.
- ✓ Although company personnel have communicated their exact location to the pilots prior to the initiation of their landing sequence, it is the responsibility of vehicle traffic on the runway to yield to landing aircraft.
- ✓ Utilizing the JSEA process to identify and mitigate these types of hazards prior to the performance of a task is essential to ensuring a safe environment for all personnel in the area.



If you should have any further questions or concern, please feel free to contact the Corporate HSE department.

***Report all incidents immediately to the Hotline  
1-855-543-5163.***

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