

Safety Alert 24-12 Fatality in the Utilities Industry



The following Safety Alert contains content from an external source which is relevant to MWH Treatment Operations.

What Happened?

Sad information was received relating to a Fatality in the Utilities Industry on a Northern Gas Networks site in the public highway.

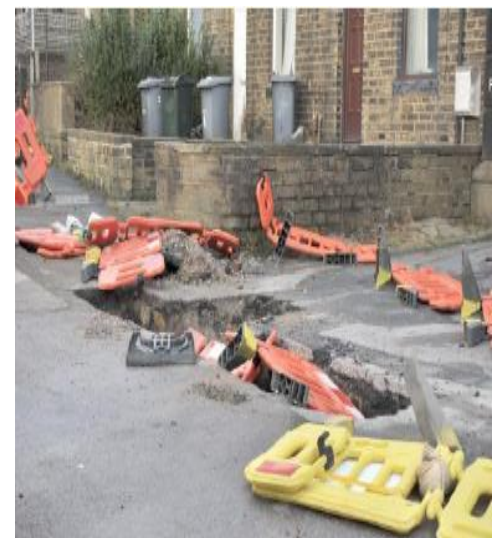
Highgate Road in Clayton Heights, Bradford was cordoned off shortly after 0700hrs on January 2024 and emergency services, including police, the fire service and the ambulance service responded to a concern for safety near the junction of Back Lane next to the Boar's Head pub where Northern Gas Networks had been carrying out works.

Tragically, a man's body was found within the works area and was pronounced dead at the scene allegedly after falling into an excavation after storm Isha had caused significant damage to the site.



Key Questions to Ask Yourself

- Have I taken all reasonably practicable cautions to ensure my site is safe?
- Have I taken into consideration the weather in my risk assessment and risk controls?
- Are all barriers fit for use with clips and feet?
- Are all excavations / openings fully secured?
- Do I have sufficient sandbags to hold down barriers and signs?
- Do I check all my site barriers regularly, even if no work was carried out?



Key Process

Please refer to [CDPD33-01 Site Security](#) which sets out the methods of managing security on construction sites.

If you are ever unsure, STOP WORK and contact your SHEQ team.

Safety Alerts should not be thought of as an incident investigation report. They are issued to raise awareness of incidents that occur and to highlight the safe work practices required to avoid them being repeated.

