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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011
Accident time: 11:45
Accident number: 612
Accident Date: 04/11/2008
Country: Afghanistan

Where it occurred:
AF/1102/12219/MF314
5, Pasta khor Village,
Kashim District,
Badakhshan Province

Primary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)

Class: Excavation accident

ID original source: DA44
Organisation: [Name removed]
Mine/device: PMN AP blast

Date record created: Date last modified: 05/03/2011
No of victims: 1
No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude: Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not recorded Coordinates fixed by:
Map east: Map north:
Map scale: Map series:
Map edition: Map sheet:
Map name:

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing
visor not worn or worn raised (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.
BOI Conclusions:
1. The investigation report concluded that the main contributing factor was ignorance of SOPs by deminer in terms of conducting wrong drill during excavation. And also the poor supervision by command group is another contributing factor as the deminer was not stopped from conducting wrong drill.

Victim Report

Victim number: 795
Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: deminer
Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available
Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded
Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:
INJURIES: minor Face, minor Hand
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.
Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as Inadequate training because the investigators found that the Victim did not know how to excavate safely. The secondary cause is listed as a Management Control Inadequacy because it is a management responsibility to ensure that all deminers are appropriately trained.

The facial injury implies that the visor was not worn correctly. The summary of the accident is inadequate and reports simply that a “wrong drill” was conducted. It may be that the deminer failed to pinpoint the detector reading adequately or that he bagen to dig on top of the site of the detector signal without realising the dangers involved.

The “Inadequate investigation” listed under notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators’ work with others is regrettable.