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What happened

Someone was briefly seen entering a restricted drop zone area during rock net anchoring activities at the Benmore Seipp Penstocks project, where workers were dislodging rocks as part of maintenance; the person was too far away to identify, and workers shouted to have them leave the area, which was protected by barriers to prevent rocks from rolling down to the zone .

Nobody claimed responsibility and therefore no further action could be taken. The event was discussed at a Safety Triage and on site in morning meetings



Workers can be seen in the blue circle with barriers installed in the sloped area. The person was just within the drop zone barriers.

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Definition of a Drop Zone:

A Drop Zone is a specific area where equipment, tools, or other materials may fall into. People must be isolated from this risk, therefore access into a Drop Zone is forbidden, except under particular circumstances.

The size of a Drop Zone must factor in the likely travel path of a falling object, factoring in wind speed, wind direction, weight of the object and potential for ricochet.

What is happening post-event:

The event was notified to the principal contractor Seipp that did an investigation. It was found that there is not a person that could be directly connected to the event and that the person might have already left the site. The event was discussed at the next morning pre-start meetings and Generation safety Triage as well as the Safety Team Triage.

Questions to prompt discussion:

- Could this event have happened at our site?
- What are the key controls/actions/processes we have in place to ensure this doesn't happen?
- Are there any weaknesses, or opportunities to improve, those controls?
- How comfortable does everyone feel with how we manage this type of risk?

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