BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	**Quarry**	**ARTICLE YEAR**	**2012**
ACTIVITY:	**Access & Egress & Working at Height**	**COMPANY:**	**CEMEX UK and Response Engineering Ltd**
SUB ACTIVITY:	**N/A**	**COMPANY LOCATION:**	**Wickwar Quarry**
BEST PRACTICE No:	**BP803**	**COMPANY TEL:**	**07711 912470**
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	**United Kingdom**		

TITLE Run Video

Emergency drill exercise – Client and contractor collaboration

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Description

Response Engineering Ltd was engaged by CEMEX at Wickwar Quarry to carry out work on a dust filter unit on the secondary crushing plant. The work was high risk as it involved working at height, hot processes and confined space working. When reviewing the plans for the work the contractor raised concerns about emergency access and egress.

CEMEX decided to hold a joint training exercise involving the contractor and a specialist unit, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), who were recommended by the local fire service. The full exercise was carried out successfully and following a review, the planned work was completed without incident. All the personnel involved were confident they had planned for every eventuality.

This process demonstrated how pre-planning and a strong working relationship between the contractor and operator can help identify issues and ultimately lead to the safe execution of higher risk tasks.

Benefits

- Improved Client / Contractor working relationship (Safer by Partnership)
- Identified the need for contractors to be trained in emergency procedures
- Improved the task planning including emergency preparedness

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