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Fire Incident

Classification

Where?

Location: PW 131

Section: Wellfields

Incident Description

An 11 kV XLPE cable joint blew up and its sparks landed on the surrounding grass which ignited and causing fire at the Wellfield PW 131.

The XLPE cable joint failed due to wear and tear.

Preliminary Findings?

- Cable joint got exposed over time from underground
- Over the years, grass has grown on the pan surface.
- Approx 1 hectare of grass was burnt.

When?

Date: 11/09/2022

Time: 14:00hrs

Body part / Nature of Damage

Burnt 11kV XLPE cable

Preventative & Corrective Measures

- The relevant authorities were notified.
- The Emergency team was dispatched to the scene and the fire was extinguished.
- Fire breaks around wells which are surrounded by grass must be constructed.
- All cable joints to be buried underground, to prevent risk of fire should they fail.



Exposed cable joint