



Eye Injury Near Miss

Incident Description: On 01/26/2017 a GBI employee had something in his eye. He returned to the conex with the intent of using saline eyewash to remove the particle from his eye. He opened the first-aid kit and removed what he thought was eyewash but flushed his eye with a bottle of concentrated eyewash additive (to be used with a portable eye-wash station). The employee noticed a burning sensation in his eye and reported the incident to his supervisor. Following the incident the employee followed up with a medical professional who flushed his eye.



Immediate Observations:

- ✓ Eyewash station concentrate additive should never be stored in a project first-aid kit.
- ✓ The employee did not verify that he was using buffered eyewash and not chemical that had the potential to damage his eye.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Self-Check (STAR)

When performing a Self-Check remember STAR:

- ✓ **STOP** - Pause to clear your mind of distractions and focus on your activity.
- ✓ **THINK** - Focus your attention on the step to be performed.
- ✓ **ACT** - Perform the task without losing eye contact, touch the component, label, etc.
- ✓ **Review** - Verify you get the intended results.

Lessons Learned:

- ✓ **ANY** chemical that is not intended for full strength use on or in the body should not be stored in a first-aid kit.
- ✓ Prior to using anything on or in the body confirm it is intended to be used at full strength.
- ✓ Verify that all supplies inside of your project first-aid kit have not expired and are in appropriate working condition.