




Checklist for Drilling



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Hazards/factors	Things to look for	Hazard present?	Comments	Suggested action/Solutions to consider	Action taken?
Drill shack/doghouse					
Layout of controls and displays 	Do you have to stretch, reach, twist or strain to reach and operate the controls?			Can any changes/modifications be made? Could the lighting be improved? Would it help to attach labels or markers to the displays? Could any controls be adapted e.g. handles extended, if difficult to reach?	
	Are some hard to reach at the same time as viewing the drill floor or the displays?				
Window to drill floor 	Is it too small to see people and plant clearly, scratched, dirty?			There should be an unobstructed view of the people and the equipment. Would it help to have windscreen wipers to keep the panes clean? Perspex gets easily scratched, so replace frequently.	



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Chemical mixing					
Manual handling 	Do you stoop and stretch to unload the pallet? Is the hopper at a good height to reach? Are there any obstructions that affect how you work?			Could this be improved? Would a platform to stand on help to make the job easier? Practice good handling techniques - use legs not back muscles. Hold bags close to body.	
	Is there repetitive handling of heavy loads?			Would it help to handle larger containers with mechanical assistance to reduce the frequency?	
	Do you manually move drums?			Could you consider using a pneumatic pump to empty drums? This would avoid moving them by hand.	
	Is it possible to practice safe handling techniques? Has training been provided?			Is there a need for manual handling training?	

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PPE	Does it fit well? Do gloves impair grip? Is mask comfy to wear? Is PPE properly maintained/replaced as necessary? Is all PPE worn properly?			You need protection from the chemicals and dust, so wear all the necessary gear. Find gloves, mask, etc. that fit well. Maintain and replace any faulty, damaged or worn PPE. Report any problems with PPE.	
Layout 	Are there any obstructions, trip hazards? Is there enough space to move easily?			Clear space and keep area tidy. Remove any obstructions.	
Pump room 	Is there good access? Is it easy to handle mud pump liners in/out?			Is it possible to use a forklift truck attachment with an extending arm to cut out the manual handling here?	

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<p>Drill Floor</p> 	<p>Are manual iron roughnecks used? Is slip handling done manually?</p>			<p>Is it possible to use mechanical/hydraulic tools - hydraulic iron roughneck, slips?</p>	
<p>Pig Handling</p> 	<p>Is it done manually? Is a good posture possible/practised?</p>			<p>Is it possible to handle the pig using a winch/pulley system? Do you need to improve working height and access?</p>	