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2007 Activities

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Overview

- Reactive activity following the fatality at Earlsburn & later turbine investigations
- Work at Height report – TUV-NEL
- Review of BWEA H&S Guidelines initiated including specific guidance for planners
- Consolidation of ongoing initiatives

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Work at Height report

- Commissioned by BWEA from TUV-NEL to provide authoritative guidance on the lifts versus ladders debate
- Concerns over integrity of existing test methods for ladder mounted fall arrest systems
- Report debated at BWEA 29
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Wind Turbine Safety Rules (WTSR)

- 13 major UK players now utilising rules (turbine suppliers / owners / operators)
- Provides common standards to secure safer working on turbines - across the sector
- Serious interest being shown from USA
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Events & Near Hits H&S Database

- 5th quarterly report issued 25 January 2008
- Analysis of 372 reported incidents – 112 during the period since last report
- Consolidated views of experiences to date
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BWEA Approved Training Courses

- The following courses are now available from accredited training service providers:-
 - Marine survival
 - Work at Height
 - Crane Safety
 - Safety passport
 - Electrical safety (being finalised)
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Conclusions

- 2007 – a year to be improved upon
- We must benefit from the years events - lessons learned
- Real progress in further “raising the bar” depends on you the Associations members!
- Please provide feedback on our work to date