

The Pile Times

Deep Foundations

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Our Deep Foundation personnel have been making waves with their impressive work efforts at the liquefied natural gas project in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. The project, which is set to produce up to 10 million tons of liquefied natural gas per year, requires a substantial foundation system to support its buildings and infrastructure. Deep Foundations was operating one rig and crew on-site as of March 1st, but has since mobilized 10 additional rigs, support crews, and additional pile driving equipment. There are currently over 95 DF



personnel on-site with more being added every week! An employee appreciation dinner was held recently recognizing everyone's hard work and commitment to safety on this project so far.

Vision: Cajun is the company of choice by:

- *Putting our employee's health and safety above all else*
- *Exceeding the expectations of our clients*
- *Striving for operational excellence*

Mission:

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Derek a.k.a. D-Knight recently made 15 years with Cajun, all with Deep Foundations. D-Knight started out as a piledriver and over the years worked his way up within the Deep Foundations Unit. Along the way he has been a mentor to countless new personnel and is always ready to help when called upon. He is currently a part of the team at the PLNG Project located in Port Sulphur Louisiana. Not only was Derek recognized for his 15 years of service, he was also promoted to a superintendent in accordance with Cajun’s mission of:

“We Grow our People to Grow our Company”.

Congratulations D-Knight !!!



Good Catch !

Brad Dupuis was the first winner of our re-vamped corporate *Good Catch* program. His submission received the most votes earning him a \$500 reward along with an entry into the annual grand prize drawing. We caught up with Brad to learn a little more about him. Brad has been operating cranes for over 16 years, starting back in

2007. Brad values the close-knit connections he's built within the Cajun family. He's known most of his coworkers for 15-20 years, forming strong bonds along the way. He is engaged and is a proud father to two girls, aged 16 and 4. Outside of work, Brad has a few things he's really into. He's a big fan of LSU football and loves supporting the team. He's convinced that the 2019 LSU team was simply unbeatable, the best in the game's history. When he has free time, you can find him enjoying some fishing or hitting the gym.

Congratulations to Brad on representing Deep Foundations for the win and striving for operational excellence by identifying the following on his project at PLNG:

Description of the Good Catch

While performing an inspection of the pile driving leads, I noticed the pile line was ran improperly under a cross brace in the head section. If issue was not resolved, this could lead to damage to the crane cable resulting in pile driving hammer being dropped causing equipment damage and possible injury to crewmembers on the ground.

Corrective Actions Taken

Notified all crew members of the finding, and together we did an inspection of cable, removed becket and reinstalled cable properly. I had a discussion with the crewmembers explaining potential results if this finding was missed and what to look for when doing lead inspections in the future.



Sloan Leger- While training new employee I saw they were about to pick up a cage that was not rigged up properly = Stopped them before they hooked up cage to sandline and discussed what was improper and showed them the correct rigging configuration.

Matt Slusher- Picked up a pile and bailed it, but it didn't look right in the leads = Asked crew to double check the length, the pile was the incorrect length pile for this location.

Derrick Sanders- While setting pile on stack, noticed employee's foot was under pile while crane was lowering pile onto stack = Stopped crane to make sure employee's feet were outside of load, also discussed proper tagline use to keep clear of loads.

Mason Leger- Saw employee fly the gas and oxygen gauges still connected causing the potential of gas leak or worse = Stopped them and directed them to remove the gauges and discussed the dangers of their actions.

Ben Armstrong- Crane operator lifting block and I noticed the pin in the safety latch 3/4 of the way out = Stopped the operator signaled him back down, and inserted the pin completely into place then went back to task.

Bart Peek- While setting up apple test, other contractor was standing up leads, I looked up and noticed whip line had jumped the sheave = Went over to foreman and let them know to stop and lay leads down to put line back in sheave.

Jeffery Bailey- Noticed another crew had rigged the hammer to ball instead of big block and started vibrating sheets = Called foreman of crew on radio to stop work. Explained to them not to use whip line to vibrate sheets, the block is the required line.

Brad Dupuis- As we were vibrating the caisson, all bolts holding the locking clamps came loose on the beam, I immediately signaled by radio for an all stop. = Hydraulic pins were released, hammer was swung to a safe location. Crew then retightened bolts.

John Richard- Crane operator attempting to bail an 80' pile, noticed the hammer was close to being 2-blocked and pile was pulled to the side of the leads close to the boom = Stopped work, alerted supervision and removed operator from seat to watch proper process.

Sid Hernandez- When load test began, I noticed that the beam was not bolted down to concrete pile reaction beam began to lift = Informed the tester to pause load test so we can put the washer and nut on the Williams Rod.

Brandon Graham- While swinging lead around to wrap pile employee stepped in between hammer and pile to bail causing a caught between hazard = Stopped task called over employee for coaching on why we don't get between 2 moving objects.

Chaz Clement- Employee was standing in exclusion zone on the back side of truck while offloading materials = Stopped the forklift went and talked to employee told where to stand while making lifts off a truck.