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1 Purpose	To outline the requirements for the safe operation of jackhammers.
2 Application	Applies to all NTPC employees and contractors required to operate jackhammers.
3 Definitions	<p>Jackhammer</p> <p>A pneumatic tool combining a hammer with a chisel and used to break up rock, pavement, and concrete.</p>
4 References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWP 1.07: Manual Lifting and Handling
5 Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly maintained jackhammer • Proper hammer attachments
6 PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSA-approved Class E hard hat • Work gloves • CSA-approved safety glasses • High-visibility clothing • CSA-approved foot protection • CSA-approved hearing protection
7 Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-the-job training • Informed of any risk associated with, trained on, and deemed competent in, the safe use of jackhammers.
8 Work Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear all appropriate PPE for the job according to the hazards present. This shall include hard hat, work gloves, eye protection, high-visibility clothing, foot protection, and hearing protection. • Jackhammers and attachments shall be inspected prior to use for damages, defects, and loose components. • Use only the proper jackhammer and attachments for the job at hand. • Do not use defective tools. Any defective tools shall be immediately removed from service, tagged with a Special Instructions Tag with the appropriate message (e.g., out of service for repair), and reported to the manager. • Ensure suitable barricades and warning signs are in place prior to the start of work to keep other workers and the public safe. • Lift the jackhammer properly using the legs as per <i>SWP 1.07: Manual Lifting and Handling</i>. • When operating the jackhammer legs should be shoulder-

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	<p>width apart and the tool should be leaned slightly back towards the worker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotate workers, whenever possible, when jackhammering for extended periods of time. • Take breaks periodically to rest muscles. • Do not jackhammer down beyond the depth of the cutting bit.
9 Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil

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