

SAFETY ALERT

Lost Time

January 5, 2017

Potential Hazards

- The trucker was exposed to falling objects and moving equipment due to:
 - Not following safe loading procedures.
 - Poor communication.
 - Moving equipment despite not having visual contact with bystanders (i.e., trucker).
 - Complacency and rushing since it was the last load of the day.

Incident Summary

- A truck driver was making his way back to the truck cab after having just finished setting up the airlines.
- At this moment the loaderman swung the boom with a grapple full of logs while assuming the driver was inside the truck.
- During the swing a 10" diameter log slipped out of the grapple and struck the driver.
- This resulted in lost time as the driver sustained serious injuries that included swollen foot & ankle, cracked ribs, and hematoma (severe bruising) in lower back.



Preventative Actions

- The contractor has taken the following actions to prevent recurrence:
 - Every driver & loaderman has been informed that loading can only occur if the driver is now inside the cab.
 - Drivers must notify loadermen by radio whenever they leave & re-enter the cab.
- These procedures will be company policy going forward and will be reviewed with drivers & loadermen before every season.
- The incident & root cause will be reviewed with the OH&S Committee and with all drivers at their safety meeting to reinforce the importance of following these procedures.



SAFETY COMES FIRST

...and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.

