

SAFETY ALERT

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Headrig Bandsaw Shot Through Filing Room Trap Doors

A log with a knot at the end was being sawn in half at the Headrig. As the second half of the log was being dropped onto the rollers below after being sawn in half, the knot in the log got caught on the Headrig carriage. The carriage started to slide back and dragged the log with it. The log hit the back of the Headrig bandsaw and knocked the saw off the wheels.

The tension in the saw caused the saw to shoot up through the saw-change enclosure and blow half of the filing room trap doors off its hinges. The trap door hit the removable guardrails around the enclosure. A worker operating the Headrig saw-change hoist, in front of the guardrails avoided injury due to the guardrails blocking the impact of the trap door.



Most Important Take Away:

Designate the area around the saw-change trap doors as a hazard zone with limited worker occupancy.

Suggested Actions:

- Evaluate whether trap doors above all saw-change enclosures are substantial enough to withstand impact from potential projectile hazards below.
- Explore controls, such as installing sensors at the Headrig to detect upset conditions and shut down the equipment immediately.



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