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# SAFETY ALERT

## Trailer Loader Foot Pedal Jammed in Down Position

### Description of the Event:

A truck driver called for assistance at the trailer loader. The truck driver stated that after he backed into position and lowered his trailer, the cable continued to spool out. The driver tried to hit the foot pedals numerous times to stop the hoist to no avail. Once the cable completely spooled out, the cable spooled backward and pulled the trailer back up to the top of the hoist frame. The force snapped the cable and dropped the trailer onto the truck bed causing damage to the truck and trailer. The driver was in a safe location when the trailer dropped.



\*Position of truck and trailer after incident.



\*Down foot pedal that jammed.

### Suggested Actions:

- Install an emergency stop button for the trailer hoist.
- Install a more weather durable style of foot pedal.
- Investigate the potential for limits in both directions instead of just one.
- Replace the damaged cable and have the hoist inspected and weight tested.
- Continually monitor trailer loaders to ensure drivers stay out of the bite while trailer is elevated.



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