# SAFETY ALERT

## **DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Concussion From Striking Face on Steel Cable**

A new worker was adjusting the position of a chip scow using the manual controller located on the float. The worker unintentionally caused the scow to drift out causing one of the steel cables to lower to face height.

The worker noticed the scow drifting out and wanted to save the chips from falling into the water by running to the Crow's Nest to adjust the spout position. The worker ran into the low hanging steel cable, was knocked to the ground and suffered a concussion.





#### **Most Important Take Away:**

Consider moving the cables to eliminate crossing over work areas.

# Suggested Actions:

- Review the current cable locations to determine if they can be moved to eliminate crossing over work areas.
- Ensure all new workers have adequate training, feel comfortable conducting tasks that have been assigned to them and are assessed for competency.
- When dealing with upset conditions, take the required time to assess the situation.
- Never run on site.



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