SAFETY ALERT

ASK YOURSELF "Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Fall from Elevation - Hot Work

A contractor was welding on some head rig infeed jump chains. A fire developed underneath the infeed chains.

The Fire Watch and Welder were unsuccessful in extinguishing the fire from a safe location and changed their position to get a better angle at the fire. This put them at risk for a 12 to 15 foot fall into the conveyor below. Neither was wearing fall protection at the time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Conduct a detailed FLHA prior to commencing any Hot Work. Include in the FLHA a plan of action for emergency cases before the work begins.
- The Hot Work permit process requires that all flammable and combustible material be removed prior to commencement of Hot Work. Develop a system to audit the Hot Work Permit process and compliance of removing flammables prior to work commencing.
- During an emergency, always evaluate all potential hazards before attempting to respond.









IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

As part of the Hot Work Permit and Field Level Hazard Assessment (FLHA) process develop an emergency plan for identified potential emergencies.

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