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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Close Call, Steel in Log

As a logging truck was being unloaded, a worker noticed a large metal object embedded two feet from the end of a log. The log was separated from the load and the supervisor was immediately notified.

Any metal embedded in a log is extremely dangerous and can result in a serious incident.

If the log had made it into the mill, contact between a saw and the embedded metal could have produced shrapnel and seriously injured a worker or caused severe equipment damage.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- When contractors are logging in woodlots, small holdings, private property, rangeland, or any area where there is a higher possibility of human development (tree stands, fences, farms, old mines/ railways), it is imperative that all operators remain vigilant in their observations to prevent logs containing any metal objects from being shipped to the mill.
- Review this incident with all log yard and mill employees and stress the importance of being alert for any metal or foreign objects to ensure a safe work environment.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Operators need to be vigilant in their observations to prevent logs containing any metal objects from being shipped or entering the mill.



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