

SAFETY ALERT

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SUBJECT: Log/Load Contamination

DATE: March 1, 2022

Incident Summary

A log with metal contamination was consumed in a sawmill, resulting in the saw striking the metal. This caused significant saw damage, mill downtime and upset conditions associated with the strike.

Potential Hazards

- Flying debris associated with the saw striking contaminates
- Upset conditions resulting from equipment damage and downtime associated with saw strike

Photo



Preventative Actions

- Identify potentially contaminated logs/stands in the planning process so an appropriate plan to mitigate contamination can be made before harvest occurs.
- Ground crew in the field, sort yards and facilities to recognize the potential severity of contaminated loads/logs and diligently identify hazards so they can be removed. Use metal detectors to help identify hazards when warranted.
- When contaminants are found, follow the Contaminated Load Reporting and Follow-up Procedures to prevent further occurrences.