

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself  
"Could it happen here?"

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

### SIFp – Loader/Maintenance Truck

Just before dawn, a worker was driving a welding truck on the main road of the plant from the scales to the back side of mill in low light.

They noticed a chip loader coming around a corner being driven by a contractor. The worker driving the welding truck pulled off to the right but the chip loader operator did not see them and did not move over. The welding truck driver tried to reverse before the chip truck got to their location. The chip loader never saw the welding truck and struck the welding truck causing damage to the hood.

The welding truck continued to reverse to a side road. There were no injuries



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Incorporate controls to separate interface between heavy equipment on-site and other vehicles.
- Inspect the loader and the maintenance truck's safety warning devices (headlights, blue lights, safety flag, horn) to confirm all are functioning correctly.
- Order a high-intensity strobe light and install on the roof of the truck.
- Incorporate safe driving expectations into contractor orientation.
- Review training with all loader operators.

## IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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