MANUFACTURING Ask Yourself SAFETY ALERT "Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Struck-By Incident

A near miss incident occurred as an employee was leaving the worksite. They failed to come to a complete stop at a rail crossing. At the time of incident, railcars were slowly being pushed toward the mill by a locomotive. The employee reported the railcars were approximately 50 feet away when they crossed the tracks.

The incident occurred after dark, and because the railcars were being pushed from behind, there was minimal visual or sound to indicate they were in motion.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Always obey posted safety signs both on and off site.
- Ensure adequate lighting at all rail crossings, especially in high traffic / key crossings.
- Install rail crossing lights or warning systems at key/high traffic crossings.
- Stay alert and focussed especially at railway crossings or in other high-risk areas.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Always look both ways before crossing and check for any approaching trains from either direction.

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