

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss- Lockout Save

A worker was locking out equipment in a silo area. After completing the lockout, the worker went to the field to perform a test fire.

During the test fire, the fines reject conveyor started unexpectedly, even though the local disconnects were in the down position and locked out. An investigation found that the knives in the local disconnect were sticking.

Because the worker maintained visual verification during the test fire, the unexpected start was immediately identified as a lockout save. This critical step prevented potential serious injury.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Replace the local disconnect for the fines reject conveyor at the silo.
- Reinforce the importance of maintaining visual verification when test firing equipment.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Never rely solely on lockout hardware. Always maintain visual verification during test firing, as mechanical failures can compromise isolation and create serious hazards.