

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Struck-By, Near Miss

A bucket loader operator was working at a hog pile. While backing up, they narrowly avoided a collision with a water truck that had entered the area behind it.

Radio contact between the water truck operator and the bucket loader was not established as required by the safe work procedure. Fortunately, the water truck operator spotted the operator reversing in time to back out of the way before a collision could happen.

No injuries or damage resulted from this close call.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure radio procedures are followed whenever mobile equipment or pedestrians enter an active work area.
- When establishing radio contact, if you don't hear a response, don't enter the area.
- Instruct mobile equipment operators to thoroughly check behind them to ensure the area is clear before backing up.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Never assume that vehicle operators have heard your radio call or have seen you enter an area. If you do not receive visual or radio contact with a clear response, do not enter the work area.