

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Lockout - Mobile Equipment

An operator was working underneath a dozer using an air lance to clear a suspected smolder. Proper lockout and isolation procedures were not followed for this task, as required under the mobile equipment section of the hazardous energy and lockout policy.

The keys had been left in the dozer's ignition, the battery disconnect was not locked out and no signage was placed on the machine to indicate it was out of service.

As another employee approached the dozer to use it for fire mitigation, they heard the air lance and were told by another operator that someone was under the equipment.

This near-miss situation could have resulted in a serious or fatal injury.



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Lockout procedures must be followed every time, even when you're working alone.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Always follow lockout procedures for mobile equipment when performing maintenance tasks.
- When working on equipment, at minimum, remove the keys from the ignition. They should be kept on the person conducting the maintenance.
- Make sure all SWPs include clear and complete lock out instructions.

