

Borates HSEQ Final Alert

Incident Number: 1000520119



Incident: Driver on top of truck
Final Classification: Potential Fatal Incident (PFI)
Critical Control: Fall from height
Operation / Project: Boron (RTB)
Date: 10/05/2019
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Location: Shipping
Time: 12:00 pm

What happened:

After bulk loading at the high speed load out, the hatches on the top of a driver's truck would not close due to product accumulation. The driver was asked to wait until an operator was available to safely remove the product and close the truck's hatches. However the driver chose to drive from the high speed load out and park in a secluded area where the driver climbed on top of the vehicle (about 10ft at height) without fall protection to wipe the accumulated product and close the lid.

Investigation Key Factors:

- Environment: General practice in the trucking industry is to climb on top of trucks to open/close hatches.
- Equipment: None
- People: Driver was unable to close hatch and remove accumulated product from the ground. Driver decided to climb on top of his truck even being aware of the "not climbing on top of truck" policy.

Learnings and Actions Implemented:

- Environment: None.
- Equipment: None
- People: 1. Driver no longer accepted on site. 2. Expectations reinforced with trucking company's management. 3. Implement SOP to address overfill conditions. 4. Make the process of opening/closing hatches more efficient to reduce time on site for truck drivers.



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