TOOLBOX TALKS

MACHINE SAFETY—POWER LINE CONTACT

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PREVENTION

- Know where the power lines are at your operation and watch for them when you're in the area
- Take note if anything is different about the lines, such as hanging lower or missing (which could mean they're on the ground)
- Check for power lines near buildings or weigh stations, in storage yards, any lighted area, or near cranes or scaffolds
- Look for barriers underneath power lines, warning signs, or high visibility spheres on the lines themselves
- When you approach power lines, make sure your machine's implements and attachments are as low as possible. If you are not sure then stop and make sure
- Never approach a downed power line

WHEN CONTACT IS MADE

- Stay calm and stop your machine
- Shift to Neutral or Park, set the parking brake and shut down your engine
- Call for assistance
- Avoid contact with conductive surfaces if possible
- STAY IN THE CAB OR REMAIN IN THE OPERATOR STATION until someone comes and checks the location of the line. Remember, you can't see everything around or under your machine. It may look safe to you, but someone on the ground can see more and make a better judgment

Discussion Date:

Employee Participants:

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