

Safety Flash

Near Miss Incident

Date of Incident: 4/9/2019

The Incident

Two associates were working on a welding job at Nutrien and waiting for the NDE test to be performed. While they waited, they decided to work on a separate demolition job nearby. The permit only covered the welding job, and the demolition work had not been walked down with operations or permitted. After they broke the first flange, the built-up resin in the line began spraying out. Operations was immediately notified and they shut off the pump to the line, stopping the flow of resin.

The Causes

- The second job was not walked down with operations or permitted for that day.
- The proper lock out/tag out procedure was not followed.

Prevent It

- Before starting a task, stop to review permits and STACs to make sure the scope of work is covered.
- Always walk down jobs with plant operations to ensure that the work is safe to perform and properly permitted.



Action Plan

- A safety stand-down was held immediately with all crew on site to discuss the incident and review the permitting procedure.
- All site crew attended training to review the proper permitting procedure, JHA (Job Hazard Analysis), lock out/tag out, first line break procedure, and STAC card planning.
- Implement triple verification before any line breaks. Before any line breaks, three different verifications must be made before proceeding: Nutrien operations, job foreman and safety.



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Your health and safety are the most important part of every project. We need *your* help to eliminate unsafe behaviors and conditions. If you see a safer and better way to do a task, see your supervisor, or contact GEM Safety: Bill Cornett – 419-720-2728. To get personal protection equipment from the warehouse, call 419-720-2688.