# Hazard Alert



## Worker Fatally Injured While Performing Maintenance on Hydraulic Stairs

A worker was fatally injured while performing maintenance on the hydraulic stairs of a rock haul truck.

### **Safe Work Practices:**

- Ensure that any hydraulic, pneumatic, and electrical systems have hold-to-run controls.
- Follow Lockout/Tag Out procedures, and secure all elevated parts against accidental movement before working under them.
- Do not operate machinery or equipment until you receive training, and know how to do the work safely.
- Ensure warning labels are posted on all pinch-point locations.
- Conduct hazard assessments of all work processes, and follow the resulting safe work procedures.
- Stay at the controls while raising or lowering equipment.

## What the Legislation Says:

# NWT Occupational Health and Safety Regulations:

#### Section 147.

(1) Subject to section 148, an employer shall, before a worker undertakes the maintenance, testing, repair or adjustment of a machine other than a power tool, ensure that the machine is locked out and remains locked out during that activity unless doing so puts a worker at risk. ...

# NWT Mine Health & Safety Regulations:

#### **Section 10.21.**

- (1) The manager shall develop a lock-out procedure for each mechanical or electrical equipment system, and the procedure shall
  - (a) include the requirements of subsections (2) to (6) and sections 10.22 and 10.23;
  - (b) address the sources of all hazards that may be presented when a person is working on the equipment or system; and

- (c) specify, before the work starts, how the equipment or system is to be checked to verify that all hazards have been neutralized and that the equipment or system is safe to work on.
- (2) The manager shall ensure that each person required to operate or work on any equipment or system is adequately trained in the lock-out procedure and that a written copy of the procedure is made available to each person.

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