

Preliminary Incident Details	
Operation	Atlantic Copper
Date / Time	July 12, 2024 / 11 a.m.
Event Type	Near Miss
Summary	<p>Two contractors were lifting measuring equipment up the stack for environmental samples. Worker #1 was operating the electric winch on the stack's upper platform. Worker #2 put the equipment in a lifting bag and flagged the intermediate platform, then proceeded to walk down to the lower platform.</p> <p>When the lifting bag reached the upper platform, the hoist steel cable broke. The bag, weighing approximately 132 lbs (60 kgs), fell and hit the intermediate platform, releasing the equipment. The equipment continued to fall to the lower platform and stopped near Worker #2.</p>
Risk Category	Actionable – Significant (3) Likely (3)
Findings / Missing Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The lifting cable was rusty and deteriorated.</li><li>The area immediately below the winch was flagged, but the lower platform was not barricaded.</li></ul>
Applicable Policies / Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Work Permit Procedure</li><li>Site Work at Heights Procedure</li><li><a href="#">Flagging and Barricading Policy</a></li></ul>
Employee Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No injuries</li></ul>
Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ignacio Romero, Health and Safety Manager-Atlantic Copper</li></ul>

Photos / Links

Diagram of the dropped object path, contact points and elevations.