

Potential Fatal Event: Conveyor Belt Coil

FreePort-McMoRan PFE# Event

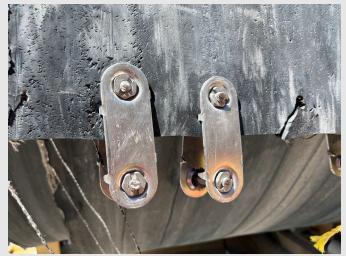
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Preliminary Incident Details	
Operation	Bagdad
Date / Time	August 20, 2024 / 12:07 p.m.
Event Type	Near Miss – Property Damage
Summary	A contractor crew was replacing a conveyor belt and had stitched the old belt to the new belt using metal clips. While winding the new belt onto the belt-line, the metal clips holding the belts together pulled apart causing the new belt to slide down the rollers uncontrolled. During this process, three contract employees were on the gantry, one at the head pulley, and one on each side walking with the belt. When the belt broke loose, the two individuals on the sides ran back toward the tail pulley. One successfully descended the stairs, the other crossed a handrail and climbed onto a peaked roof covering a drive motor.
Risk Category	Actionable – Significant (3) Likely (3)
Findings / Missing Controls	 Crew did not review standard operating procedure before work. Employees were not positioned correctly to perform the task. Housekeeping issues prevented sufficient exit routes.
Applicable Policies / Procedures	Bagdad Operations – 5 Belt XCC Replacement Standard Operating Procedure
Employee Condition	No employees were injured.
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Photos / Links



Coiled belt.



The belt clips that pulled from the belt causing it to coil.