

Potential Fatal Event: Slag Poured on Hauler

FREEPORT- MCMORAN

PFE # 2023-44

Event ID # 20012503

Preliminary Incident Details	
Operation	Miami Smelter
Date / Time	December 31, 2023 / 12:15 p.m.
Туре	Injury
Summary	An employee who was opening the slag tap hole requested the slag hauler operator move the pot from the east hole to the west hole. While the hauler operator was picking up the pot from the east hole, the tapper, thinking the pot was already in place, opened the west hole. Molten material flowed out onto the slag hauler. The operator moved the slag hauler forward away from the slag and immediately pulled the pin to activate the fire suppression system, and safely escaped without injury. The slag hauler caught fire and was damaged.
Fatal Risk	Contact With Molten Material
Risk Category	Monitor
Pre / Post Rating	Significant (3) Possible (3)
Findings / Missing Controls	Failure to follow SOPLack of communication between operators
Applicable Policies / Procedures	Slag Tapping SOPs
Employee Condition	No Injury
Contact	Louie Barreras, Senior Supervisor-Health and Safety/ Michael Cross, Manager-Downstream Ops

Photos / Links



The slag hauler caught fire after molten material flowed onto it.

Damage to the slag hauler.