



SAFETY ALERT NOTIFICATION

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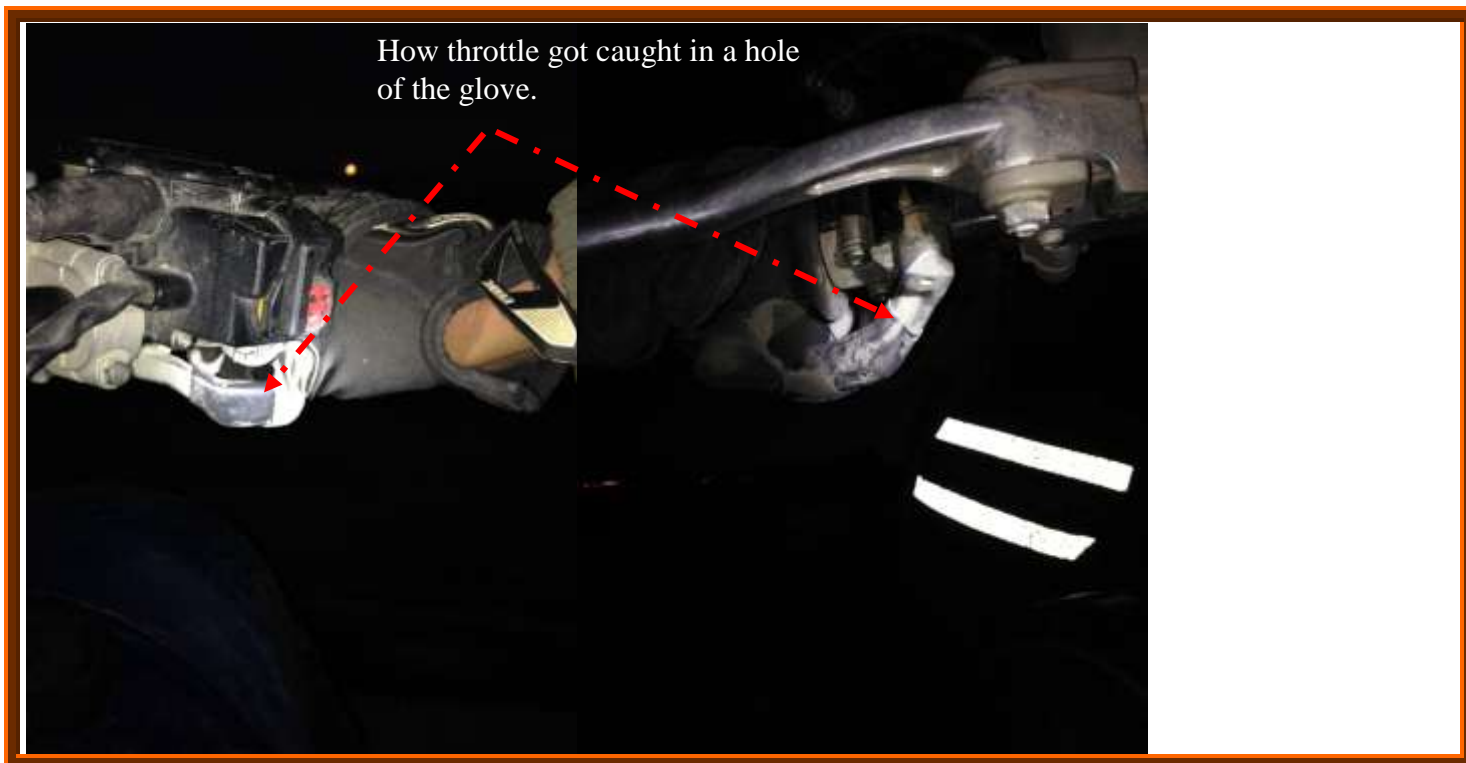
OPERATION:	El Abra			Incident:	x
ISSUED BY:	Jill Schultz			Injury:	
DATE:	May 14, 2014			Property Damage:	x
TIME:	17:30 hrs.			Process Loss:	
LOCATION/DEPARTMENT:	Process Area - Leaching				
INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:	<p>A Sulfolix employee was operating a Yamaha Grizzly 700 All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to maneuver leach lines on the 4th level of Module 6B's cell 1 to be parallel to the edge of the leach pad. According to the information gathered, the gloves worn by the ATV operator had a hole in the thumb of his right hand. While attempting to back up to change directions, the throttle lever got caught in the hole of the operator's glove causing him to lose control of the ATV. Realizing that the ATV was going to travel backwards over the embankment, the operator jumped off the moving vehicle. The ATV continued over the side of the leach pad and fell approximately 26 feet. The employee did not sustain any injuries.</p>				
DETAILS OF INJURY TYPE:	No injuries				
POTENTIAL FOR INJURY:	Fatality	Lost Time	Permanent Disability	Other Potential	
			x		
PROBABLE DIRECT CAUSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect evaluation of risk - operator did not assess the risk of changing direction by backing towards the embankment (blind side). • Inadequate protective equipment – operator did not maintain protective equipment in good condition. • Inadequate barrier – although a berm was present, the height was inadequate for all types of equipment used on the leach pad. • Inadequate ATV procedure – procedure did not adequately demarcate a safety zone along the edge of the leach pad where ATV equipment was not allowed to operate. 				
IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately stopped work and took employee to on-site clinic for evaluation. • Initiated investigation. 				
REQUIRED ACTIONS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review ATV operating procedures on leach pads with employees. • Create checklist to ensure periodic review of the condition of ATV personal protective equipment. • Revise and update leach pad and ATV operating procedures to include: 				

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- 2 meter (6.5 feet) safety zone along the edge of pad where ATV equipment is not to operate.
- construction of berms to be mid-axle height for the largest equipment operating on leach pad.
- Conduct periodic inspections and audits of leach pad operations.

Insert Photos below





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