


POTENTIAL FATAL EVENT ADVISORY		PFE #	PFE – 2017-11
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">El Paso Fall Down Stairs</h2>	IMS #	78567
		OPERATION:	EP Rod Mill
		INCIDENT DATE:	7/10/2017
		TIME:	12:30 p.m.
		TYPE:	Injury
		PFE Follow-Up:	
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This Advisory is a NOTIFICATION of an event/condition, or potential which may have resulted in a fatality at a Freeport-McMoRan location. The information below is intended to be used for proactive preventative purposes.

DESCRIPTION / DETAILS OF ADVISORY

On July 10, 2017 at approximately 12:30 p.m. during a maintenance period, an operator was adjusting the rinse tank conveyor belt on the upper level of the copper rod processing line. To accomplish this task, the operator was standing on an elevated step for better positioning. This step placed him above the handrail. The operator is experienced in performing adjustments on this equipment and has performed this task before. Upon completing task, the operator stepped down and lost his balance falling backward into a stair landing area and then rolling into and down a flight of stairs. Had the stair landing not been in that position, he could have easily fallen over the handrail, which could have resulted in much more serious injury.

Operator sustained sprains/strains to his right shoulder, right leg and lower back.

FATAL RISKS

Fall From Height	Choose an item.
Choose an item.	Choose an item.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT RISK (specific to site or task not categorized as global)

- Fall hazard potential not identified when stepping up to adjust conveyor
- Potential to fall over handrail when working from elevated step/platform (~12" to 18")
- Operator not keeping eyes on path

ABSENT / INSUFFICIENT CONTROLS CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENT

- Guarding/gates at stairway opening were not present
- Handrail along elevated walkway was not high enough to prevent a potential fall to the floor below
- Step/platform areas need to provide three points of contact
- Access to perform this task requires evaluation

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

APPLICABLE STANDARDS / POLICIES / PROCEDURES

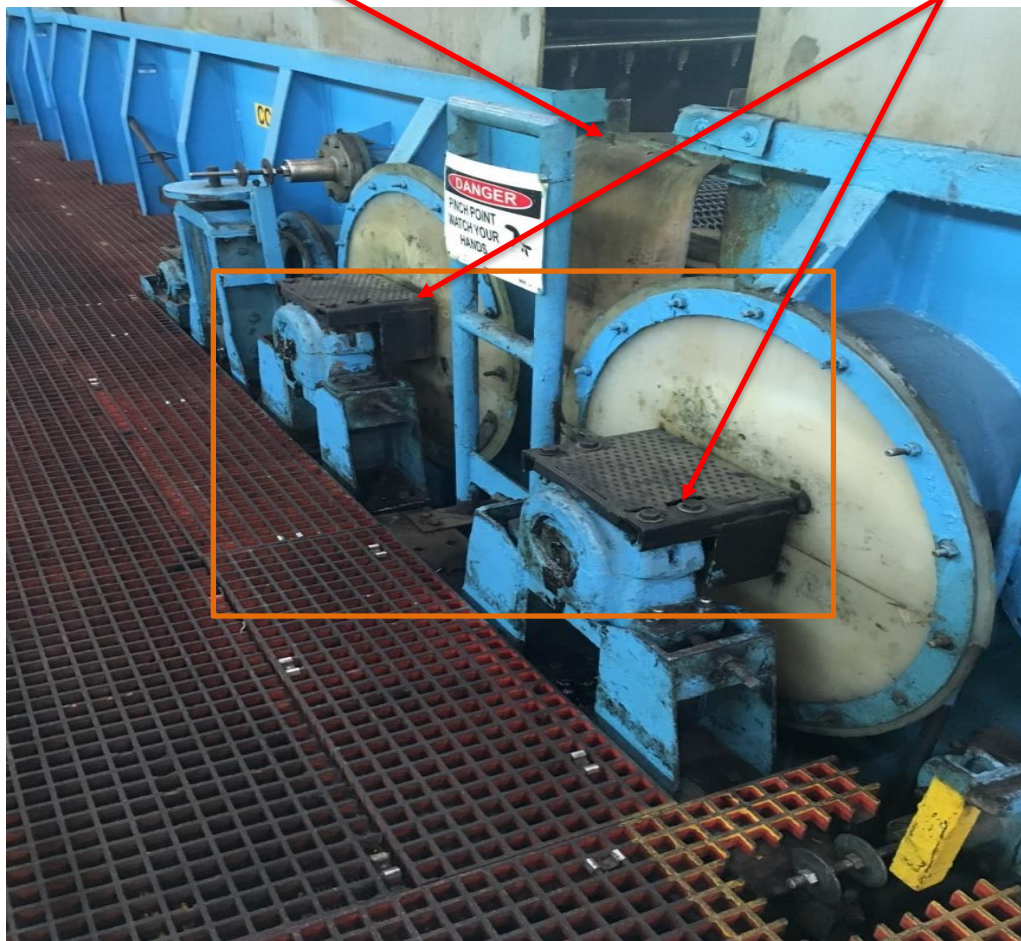
Working at Heights (Fall Protection)

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

Conveyor chain being adjusted

Operator's standing position on steps





Area operator was standing before fall

Operator fell backwards onto landing and rolled down stairs



Operator fell from top of stairway to lower level



Newly Installed Stair Landing Gate

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