

HAZARD ALERT

<p>Concern: Kubota FOPS weld's breaking away from mounting bracket's</p> <p>SAF 079 #: 035208</p>	<p>Initiating Plant: T-1 Mine</p> <p>Awareness Date: Nov.13/07</p> <p>Alert Date: Nov.14/07</p>
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Description:

Employee did an initial check of the # 255 Kubota at #8 butler bldg. He then drove the Kubota a very short distance to #1 butler where he was to prepare for a task. When the employee applied the manual foot brake, the FOPS broke away from the body of the Kubota and fell forward. The initial investigation has discovered that the weld(s) broke on the mounting brackets.

Plant/Mine Action:

- Make hazard aware to all crews, and to check weld for crack's on all Kubota FOPS mounting brackets.
- Ensure that a visual check of the FOPS structure be included as a checklist item on a regular Preventative Maintenance (PM) check.
- Review Preventative Maintenance inspections of FOPS structures to ensure they are comprehensive and include Non Destructive Testing (NDT) methods to ensure component integrity

Recommended Other Plant/Mine Actions:

- Make hazard aware to others, so that operators adjust their initial checks to take into consideration the welds on Overhead and Rollover protection in order to minimize risk.
- Ensure that weld inspections of critical components are a line item of routine inspections conducted by competent personnel.

Photos Attached: 3 photos attached.

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