

# SAFETY FLASH



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LOCATION: DeKastri Oil Export Terminal

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**SUBJECT: SERIOUS NEAR MISS - AIR HOSE STRIKES FACE SHIELD**

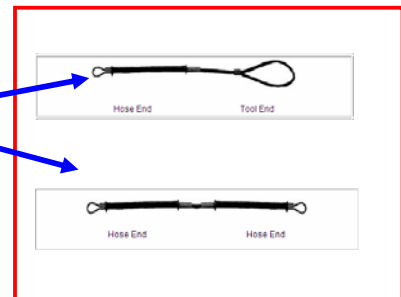
## DESCRIPTION

A contractor employee was using a pneumatic powered wire brush during maintenance work at the crude oil pumps pipe rack area. The 3/4" air supply hose broke off at the tool, whipped around and struck the employee's face shield. The employee was not hurt, as the face shield took the brunt of the force from the hose. The correct PPE (hard hat, safety glasses, and face shield) usage prevented serious injury to the employee.

Photo of face shield and cracked area



Examples of "whipchek safety wires" for hose-to-hose and/or hose-to-tool connections



## POINTS OF CONCERN:

An inspection of the pneumatic tool and hoses revealed that there were no "whipchek safety wires" at the hose connections.

## RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED:

- 1.) Discuss lessons learned from this Serious Near Miss with the entire workforce.
- 2.) Review the Upstream Safety Manual "Section 10-12 Hoses" with employees and contractors.
- 3.) Inspect all air hose connections, and ensure that the "whipchek safety wires" are installed as required.
- 4.) Ensure the "whipchek safety wires" are included in the JSAs and WCC (Work Control Certificates) as a hazard mitigation and control measure.

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