

Lid rear manhole breaks off truck during cleanliness inspection silo truck

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HIPO *Fall of object of sufficient weight to cause injury*

What

- While opening the rear manhole at the back of a silo truck for inspection, the manlid broke off and fell on the ground.
- No one was injured

Why

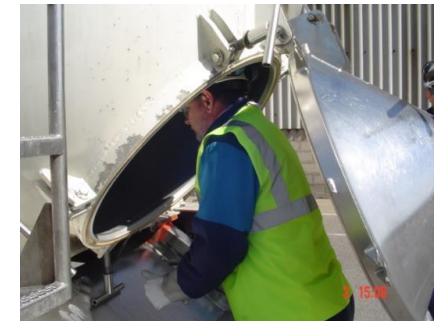
- The hinge of the manlid had broken off due to aging and usage.
- There was no proper program in place to inspect the hinges on a regular basis.

Learning

- During the internal cleanliness checks of the silo, the operator is standing under the rear manlid which is kept in open position by means of a steel bracket.
- If the lid would fall down during this check, or when opening it, this could lead to serious injury.
- The haulier has inspected the hinges of all trucks. Adjustments/ repairs were made where necessary.
- A regular inspection program of the manlids was introduced.



Manlid broken off



Example of how cleanliness inspection is done

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