

# **FATAL ALERT**

On May 9, 2018 the victim, a Ranch Manager, and Employee #1 began the work day at the ranch at approximately 6:30 a.m. repairing irrigation lines, moving wheel lines, and repairing broken parts throughout the ranch.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., the victim informed Employee #1 that he was going to turn on the irrigation pivot from the control box. The pivot was being used to irrigate an 80-acre alfalfa field. Employee #1 had finished moving wheel lines and turned on a secondary pump for the irrigation system. Employee #1 realized he had not seen the Ranch Manager for about 30 minutes. He rode a four-wheeler towards the field where the Ranch Manager should have been. Upon arrival, he found the Ranch Manager face down with his head in the pivot track unresponsive.

## **Significant Factors**

- Victim was not adequately trained on lock out tag out.
- Victim was given a copy of the health and safety program and signed it to acknowledge his receipt of it.
- The lock out/tag out program is required reading and no one trains on it.

## **Recommendations**

- Brief all employees about the fatality
- De-energize electrical equipment prior to working on it
- Report work-related fatalities within 8 hours