

Fatal Alert

On October 15, 2021, at approximately 2:45 PM, an employee of a petrol supply company was working on the power take-off (PTO), on a company vehicle, by himself at an offsite location. While in the process of working on the vehicle, he came into contact with the rotating PTO underneath the vehicle. The employee's appendage became wrapped around the PTO and he was caught in between it and the vehicle undercarriage.

Significant Factors

- The employee had been instructed not to work on the PTO.
- The company has a facility and employees who repair work vehicles.
- There is no personnel assigned to the offsite location and it is intermittently accessed.

Recommendations

- Retrain employees on the policies and procedures for reporting equipment that needs repaired and the proper steps to take to get that equipment repaired.
- Consider implementing a policy of having employees work in pairs if they are going to be in a remote location, including offsite locations that belong to the company.