

Toolbox Talks

Weekly Tailgate Topic_

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Discuss with crews on _____ [INSERT DATE]

LOAD OUT PROCEDURES

Look left, look right and look left again. When we were growing up, our parents always taught us this simple rule before crossing the street. The reason for this is that our parents wanted us to think before we acted.

While working in an asphalt plant, we need to always be thinking before we act, otherwise, our actions can have dire consequences. One of the most repetitious jobs that an asphalt plant operator must complete throughout the course of the day is loading out trucks. The only problem with this is that over time, workers can become complacent with this job and they can forget that their actions can have serious consequences. To avoid this, workers must follow the following safe work practices while loading out asphalt trucks

1. The operator must be calm, focused and aware of his actions at all times.
2. Double check truck's positioning in regards to the proper silo prior to opening the safety gates.
3. Ensure that the truck is located directly beneath the silo
4. Plant personnel must not distract plant operator while load-out is taking place.
5. Do not load out a truck if there is a worker near the silo.
6. Truckers must remain in cabs at all times in order to be loaded.
7. Be aware when the asphalt stored in the silo is running low while loading out trucks, so as to not coincide load-out when the batcher gates open.
8. If a silo runs out of asphalt, one of the three options must be followed:
 - a) The truck can be instructed to remain under the silo it is being loaded out from while more asphalt is being mixed.
 - b) The truck can be instructed to pull off the scale while more asphalt is being mixed.



- c) Under no circumstances may a truck be moved beneath another silo, unless authorization has been given to plant operator from the Plant Foreman and/or the Site Foreman.

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