Domtar-Rothschild Side Retrieval Device Training Aid



Situation Background

- Domtar-Rothschild has a 35 member confined space rescue team that was established in 1998.
- Many of the hourly team members are also trainers for the team.



Annual Requirement to Practice Representative Rescues

 As part of the annual confined space rescue training schedule, all team members are tasked with setting up different retrieval devices we use in the mill and be proficient with them.



No Place to Practice

- Side entry device is installed once every 18 months during our cold outages in one location only.
- This makes it difficult to teach and practice.
- We call in vendor to help us with this during the outage.



Team Member Idea

- They found an old flange, cleaned it up, painted it, and mounted it on the wall outside the training room.
- This allowed us to have all rescue team members practice putting this device up in a safe, controlled setting prior to outage.



Union Safety resource who is a millwright.

Training Picture of Retrieval Device

- The training flange is bolted to the wall and supported underneath by a post.
- Mounted at same height as our blow tank opening which is the space this device is used.



Step by Step Instructions

• It is a 6-step process to get the unit on the flange (5 pieces) so we put pictures of the step by step procedure on the wall mounted right above the flange.



Actual Location of Use

- This picture shows the actual location the unit is mounted once every 18 months.
- It provides fall protection and retrieval capability to the person entering.



Initial Entry to set Scaffold Planks



Employee in space, standing on scaffold plank attached to retrieval device which is also an SRL



Side Entry Into Lake Alexander

- January 1st we make our kids dress up and take their first bath of the year by jumping in a hole in the ice on a frozen northern Wisconsin lake.
- Why do you work safe?

