

# Safety Communication

## Near Miss Details:

An operator was loading a trailer with bales using a clamp truck. The operator had loaded 18 bales onto the trailer when the left side of the trailer unzipped allowing the floor to separate from the wall. The basic cause of this incident was the failure of the structural integrity of the trailer. The immediate cause was improper maintenance and repairs of the trailer by the trucking company. An inspection of the trailer was performed prior to the loading of this trailer. However, our investigation discovered that our operators did not fully understand some of the terminology on the form and did not know exactly what to look for while performing the trailer inspection.

## Corrective Action(s):

Our inspection form will be revised. The form will contain pictures which will show the location on the trailer and describe exactly what to look for. A trailer inspection safety video will be added to our dock safety training. All operators will view the video before they start working on our docks. This video will also be used as one of our monthly plantwide safety trainings. A communication board will be posted in the dock locations. This board will have trailer loading rules posted on it as well as a section to post pictures, memos, and notices.



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