



TURNAROUNDS & MAJORS

“URSA MAJOR SAFETY FLASH”

In the past week we have reported SIX dropped objects in Conversion on the Ursa Major project . These objects were:

- Pair of pliers fell out of a workers tool belt in a confined space hitting a fellow worker below, resulting in a serious injury to the head (May 29)
- Piece of coke fell in a confined space with workers within 25 feet of landing location. Possible vibration drop (May 29)
- Flashlight fell from workers pocket while they were leaving a confined space (May 30)
- Grinder fell from upper level down to landing below, missing worker 15 feet away (May 31)

Increased communication and a greater level of observation eliminated the issue until yesterday. The last 2 items were both dropped in the Reactor in MW2A, almost exactly 12 hours apart. They were:

- While pulling on a HILTI drill cord, the worker lost control and the drill fell from top deck to a location below (June 4)
- During work inside the Reactor, very near the location of the previous drop, a worker inadvertently kicked a tool (broken HILTI drill bit, 40” long, stainless steel, approx. 5 lbs.), that had been left behind, and it fell into a controlled area. (June 5)

Of the SIX incidents, FIVE were POOR tool management and in all SIX incidents there was a potential to injure workers in the area. Workers are not “Stopping and Thinking” to ensure they are doing their tasks the safest way. Everyone is accountable for their actions and must not put others in harms way. Everyone must ensure they clean up their work area and put away or remove unused tools. We must all be attentive to tool management during use.