

Incident Report

To: Minnkota Power
Attn: Mike Hennes

Re: Date Of Incident: May 22, 2014
Person Involved: Adalid Raudales
Location: Structure 6

Michels Corporation is investigating the circumstances surrounding the May 22, 2014, incident in which UCS Group employee, Adalid Raudales, was injured while assisting in placing a wire reel on a trailer. The incident occurred at approximately 3:15 p.m. We have limited information concerning the nature of the accident and the extent of Mr. Raudales's injuries, although we do know he injured three fingers on his hand.

This report is based upon Michels' understanding of the incident to date. Michels has not yet had an opportunity to interview Mr. Raudales.

Summary of Incident

On May 22, 2014, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Mr. Raudales was assisting with the loading of a wire reel on a trailer. The 130-ton crane involved in the operation was set up on the passenger side of the trailer. Three individuals including Mr. Raudales were on the ground assisting with the loading. All three individuals on the ground were UCS employees. Two of those employees were stationed on the passenger side of the trailer. One UCS employee on the passenger side was acting as the signal person for the operator, and the other was guiding the wire reel into the saddle. Mr. Raudales was on the driver side of the trailer guiding the wire reel into the saddle.

After initially setting the wire reel into the saddle, Mr. Raudales instructed the UCS signal person that the arbor of the reel was not seated properly in the saddle. Mr. Raudales informed the UCS signal person to lift the wire reel back up so it could be reset. The UCS signal person signaled the operator to re-lift the wire reel and the operator complied. Mr. Raudales then informed the UCS signal person that the issue was resolved and instructed the UCS signal person to set the wire reel back down. The UCS signal person signaled to the operator to lower the wire reel. The operator complied. While the wire reel was being lowered, Mr. Raudales had his hand in a pinch point under the arbor. The UCS signal operator next heard Mr. Raudales yell and signaled the operator to lift the wire. The operator again complied.

Crew members responded promptly to Mr. Raudales's aid. They transported him to St. Alexius Medical Facility. The extent of Mr. Raudales's injuries and treatment is unknown at this time, however, it is believed that he injured his middle, ring and pinky fingers.