



Incident Investigation Report

1. Location & Date of Incident: Garcia N.L. Mexico – January 16, 2016 @ 10:30pm
2. Personnel involved: Enrique Rivera, Alejandro Lechuga (involved in setup)
3. Incident as reported: While firing a Hotwork burner into a rotary kiln, the burner suddenly fell out of the vessel and fell down from the 3ft burner stand on which it was perched, landing on the temporary platform/scaffold that was supporting the burner stand. This burner had not been attached in any way to the vessel, nor to the burner stand on which it is sat, and it is assumed that the burner fell due to the insistent motion generated by its own operation, as well as the rotating nature of the kiln.

Enrique was on the regular floor level (approximately 6 feet below the platform) in close proximity to the operating burner at the time of the incident. Within a few seconds, he made his way to the gas source for this burner and shut it off.

4. Injuries: None
5. Property damaged: None

Remedial Action: Enrique reinserted the burner into the vessel, setting it back onto the burner stand, then used iron wire to secure the burner to the burner stand. He then climbed down from the platform, turned the gas back on at the source, went to the A/C (Control) Box and relit the burner.

6. Prospective Long Term Solution/ Procedural Change: It is a strict Hotwork policy that any operating burner MUST be secured (via chain or wire) to the vessel into which it is firing. This is an essential safety measure that must be carried out, and this incident will be immediately reported to all Hotwork technicians to remind them of and reemphasize the importance of following this policy. Enrique and Alejandro - who was involved in the setup of this project – will receive a written reprimand for disregarding this Hotwork policy and in-so-doing, putting themselves and others in danger.
7. Reported by:

Kari Evelyn, January 19, 2016

Printed Name, Date & Signature