

Incident Notification

Incident Date: March 28, 2024

Title: **Dangerous Occurrence – Dropped Blind Flange**

Description: Employees were in the process of removing a flange from a ferric reactor. A zoom boom was rigged to the flange so it could be removed once cut free. Instead of cutting off the eye bolt to release the flange from the support, the lifting lug was inadvertently cut resulting in the flange to drop from the zoom boom support through a scaffold deck, where it landed on the floor five feet below.

Resolution: No employees were injured or made contact with the dropped flange. A safety stand down was initiated to discuss the incident with Orano staff. The damaged scaffold was removed and the investigation is ongoing.

