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SAFETY ALERT

DATE:

SUBJECT: Top Drive Safety Alert

SERIAL NUMBERS:

DISCUSSION: Safe use of handler assembly.

RECOMMENDATION:

Avoid injuries or equipment damage when the handler assembly is rotated (deliberately or accidental) with the elevator links retracted or extended.

It is good practice to keep the handler locked whenever possible. The operator should verify pin engagement by trying to rotate the handler in one or both directions. If the handler rotates, the pin is not engaged. The handler may have to be rotated to align the pin with the lock holes.

Caution must be used when rotating the handler with the links (and elevators) retracted of extended. Over rotation may cause the links to come in contact with the torque guide, mast, other equipment or personnel.

Always ensure that the lock pin is engaged before using the back-up wrench gripper for make-up or breakout functions. Improper engagement could result in rapid rotation of the handler assembly.

After handler lock is activated, always try to rotate the handler to ensure it is locked.

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