

# SAFETY ALERT

**Date---09/07/2007**

**Affected Equipment—All Digger Derricks**

**Reason---Worn Auger Bolt/s**

**Description:**

Over the last couple of months several instances of worn auger bolts have been found. In several cases Distribution has generated Near Miss concerning these bolts, the most recent in Arkansas. Attached is drawing indicating the location of these bolts. In most cases these are ¾ Inch grade 5 bolts.

**Action:**

Each operator should perform or coordinate with local mechanic or shop to have bolts inspected as soon as possible. Worn bolts should be replaced with manufacture recommended fasteners. These bolts should be inspected by operator on monthly vehicle inspections and visually prior to un-stowing auger. Do NOT un-stow the auger until all persons are clear of the area. A free swinging auger can cause DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

At the next scheduled TSAB (Transportation Advisory Board Meeting), the team will evaluate the need for scheduled replacement of these bolts as part of PM and contact the manufacture of equipment to determine if this problem is being experienced with other users.

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