



# INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## Rocks in Logging Truck Loads

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### **Incident Summary**

In the past 2 weeks there has been an increase in the amount of rocks mixed in loads being delivered to log sorting locations. The rocks can be as small as a baseball, or at times twice the size of a basketball.

### **Potential Hazards**

Rocks in logging truck loads create several hazards for workers on the sorts. These rocks if not seen can be shot out from the machine tires at high speeds in any direction which is a very serious issue for ground crews and other machine operators.

This is also a major hazard on the public roads and highways between the woods and sorts. Rocks coming off logging trucks on roadways is a very serious threat to the public.



### **Preventative Actions**

Specific items for the supervisors and operators to be aware of to help eliminate this hazard are:

- When processing along rock cuts or ditch lines with rock banks, watch for falling rocks into piles.
- When loading piles from these areas, or loading in the dark, operators need to be aware that there may be rocks mixed into these loads.

Truck drivers can also provide an extra set of eyes during loading, watching for these conditions and notifying the loader operator if they see rocks entering the load. Drivers should also do an extra visual check when they are completing a walk around and load check prior to leaving the woods for the delivery destination via the public roads.

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