

INDUSTRY FLASH

Paper Machine Fatality

On the 25th of May, 2005 an employee of Australian Paper was fatally injured after being struck by a breast roll at the paper machine wet end.

The incident occurred during a wire change at the wet end of the paper machine. At this time a joint investigation between the CFMEU Pulp and Paper Workers' Branch and Australian Paper is being conducted. The purpose of this investigation is to determine the causes of the incident and introduce appropriate control measures to control the risks associated with this task.

WorkSafe Victoria is also conducting investigations into the incident. On Thursday, 26th of May, 2005 they issued a task related **Prohibition Notice**. This notice prohibits wire changes on the paper machine involved in the incident. For paper machines not involved in the incident normal production operations are taking place. The Prohibition Notice only applies to the task of conducting a wire change.

Once the investigation is complete and findings are released a detailed Industry Alert will be produced and circulated.

For further information on this incident please contact:

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