

# **CRUSHING & SCREENING OPERATIONS**

Date Revised:	July 2021	Overall Task Risk Rating:	Before Controls	В	After Controls	С			
Description:	Crushing Operations at the asphalt plant.								
Location(s):	Asphalt Plant								
Associated Documents: Housekeeping WTS, Hazardous Agents WTS, Noise WTS, Driving and Vehicle Operation WTS, Equipment and Machinery Operation WTS, Working at Height WTS									

# **RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):**

#### Note:

- If Electrical, pneumatic, mechanical or hydraulic energy are not locked out as required during maintenance
- Guards removed while crusher conveyor is operating
- Guardrails removed without fall protection measures being used
- Failure to follow manufacturer's safety instructions and/or warnings
- Do not commence work if the equipment operator is not trained



- Workers must wear all PPE listed in the MSDS / SDS for the specific hazardous products that they are to handle
- Additional PPE such as hand protection (i.e. gloves) and respiratory protection (i.e. a full face respirator) may be required depending on the task.
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the crusher area. Hearing protection shall be worn during prolonged exposure.
- Fall protection or travel restraint equipment must be worn when guardrails are removed.

# SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

#### Asphalt Plant Key Practices:

- Start the work only when you are certain that you understand the work, the hazards and you have implemented the appropriate controls.
- Unsafe conditions and situations must be reported to Foreman/Superintendents immediately (and stop work until the hazard is controlled)
- Visitors must report to the plant office and sign in and out.

### Guarding:

- Ensure all moving components of the crusher conveyor are guarded during operations.
- Ensure guarding is in adequate condition.
- Ensure guarding is present at all pinch points and beneath conveyors.

Aggregate Pile Management:

- Freezing/thawing, changing moisture content and other conditions can affect pile stability.
- Piles shall be kept at the 'angle of repose' and not be 'undercut'.
- Pile stability will be maintained using excavators and bulldozers as required.
- Pile haul roads and ramps must have berms or barriers to prevent vehicle tipping.
- Pile dumping areas should be kept level to prevent truck tipping when dumping.



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### Access / Egress:

- All walkways, stairways, access / egress points, and access to emergency equipment are to be kept clean and free of obstructions at all times (remove any build of up debris or snow / ice that may accumulate)
- "Authorized Entry Only" "Danger" & "Warning" Signs as required

Vehicles / Equipment / Machinery/Traffic:

- Maximum speed limit while on the asphalt property is 10 kph.
- If you are not familiar with the safe use of any equipment or machinery, ask your foreman / superintendent for assistance before starting.
- Do not leave operating equipment or machinery, unattended.
- Refer to the owner's manual for safety and maintenance information specific to the equipment or machinery.
- Maintain an awareness of equipment, machinery and personnel around the equipment or machinery that you are operating.
- Ensure back up alarms are functioning (sound horn twice before reversing)
- Signalers are required for backing vehicles when the operator's view of the path of travel is obstructed.
- Use three points of contact when mounting and dismounting the machine.
- Workers and equipment operators will follow the Safe Limit of Approach not entering within 10 metres of mobile equipment.
- One-way traffic signage is in place and must be followed. Trucks will give way for front end loaders.

Path of Travel:

Be aware of the sequence of operation and stay out of the Path of Travel of moving vehicles and equipment.

Loading/Unloading Trucks:

Truck drivers must remain in the cab of the truck and visible to the loader operator at all times during loading.

## Hazardous Energy:

- When authorized persons are setting up or making adjustments to equipment or machinery, ensure that it is locked-out / tagged-out.
- Do not attempt to clear jammed equipment or machinery without first shutting off the power.
- Secure equipment and machinery loads before moving.
- Refer to Hazardous Energy Control WTS for more information.

Working at Heights:

- Only use ladders that are in adequate condition.
- Ensure Cat-Walks and Ramps have adequate fall protection in place.
- Guard Rails must have a toe board, mid rail and top rail and be securely fastened in place.
- Refer to the Working at Heights WTS for more information.

Environmental Considerations:

- Ensure puddles / sitting water due to rain or flooding is dealt with.
- Ensure salt is used in areas where ice can build up potentially causing a trip hazard.
- Ensure adequate lighting (functional lights for night work)

Screening Operations:

- Screening conveyor at the asphalt plant filtering sand and different sizes of stones powered by an electric motor and a hydraulic pump.
- Conveyor is equipped with two e-stops at the operation panels and railed access to the screening station.

Maintenance of Screening conveyor:

- Conveyor is equipped with automatic greasing equipment to all bearing required to be greased. Maintenance to check and top-up greasing container as required.
- Maintenance to change hydraulic filter as scheduled by the manufacturer and top-up hydraulic fluid as required.
- Five screens on the conveyor to be repaired/replaced upon wear as required using the railed access to the screens and following all lockout tagout procedures.
- Gearboxes on the conveyors to be checked by maintenance every season for any damage or defects using an elevated working platform
  while following all working at height procedures.

Dust Control:

- Silica dust is hazardous.
- Airborne dust is controlled using waster distributed by the mister machine, water tank trucks and wet sweeping.



Housekeeping:

- Housekeeping shall be ongoing during operations.
- Each employee is responsible for maintaining and cleaning their work area on a daily basis (or more frequently if necessary)
- Aggregate fallout shall not be allowed to accumulate to the point of becoming a hazard.
- Refer to Housekeeping WTS for more detail.

Inspections:

- A pre-operational safety inspection is to be completed prior to using equipment.
- Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent & note the defect on the Equipment Inspection Form.
- Before starting machines or equipment, ensure guards and safety devices are in place, adjusted and functioning properly.
- Before using Working at Heights PPE, inspect it for defects / wear-and-tear do not use unless it is in adequate condition.

Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Workers exposed to, required to work with, or required to clean up / dispose of WHMIS controlled hazardous products, must be trained in WHMIS and have supplemental task specific training.
- Workers exposed to fall hazards, must be trained in 'Working at Heights' by an MOL approved training provider.
- All workers must be trained in the use and maintenance of any PPE they are required to wear including fall protection.
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate or perform maintenance on vehicles / machinery / equipment.
   Personal Protective Equipment:
- Mandatory minimal PPE to be worn at the Asphalt Plant includes head, foot, eye and high visibility protection.
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the crusher area. Hearing protection shall be worn during prolonged exposure.
- Depending on condition and task being undertaken, respiratory protection (i.e. a full face respirator) may be required
- Equipment and Truck drivers are required to use all listed PPE if they are to step away from the equipment/truck.
- Workers must adhere to all requirements of legislated regulations when handling specific designated substances.
- Workers must wear all PPE listed in specific materials MSDS / SDS

JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANAL	YSIS	RISK RATING SYSTEM C High risk of injury or equipment / property damage. B Medium risk of injury or equipment / property damage. Low risk of injury or equipment / property damage.		
TASK HAZARDS	RATING BEFORE CONTROLS	TASK CONTROLS	RATING AFTER CONTROLS	
Poor Housekeeping and Site Planning	С	<ul> <li>Packaging and debris must not conceal dangerous hazards underneath such as protruding nails, faulty wiring or damaged flooring</li> </ul>	с	
Airborne Dust	В	<ul> <li>Mister machine and sweeper will apply water in quantities necessary to prevent airborne dust</li> <li>Workers will wear appropriate PPE</li> </ul>	с	
High Noise Levels	В	<ul> <li>Workers exposed to high noise levels must use hearing protection (CSA approved Ear plugs / Earmuffs)</li> <li>Workers shall wear appropriate hearing protection where the potential exposure of noise cannot be reduced below the occupational exposure limit of 85 dBA over an 8-hour period</li> </ul>	C	



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•	Heat Stress	В	<ul> <li>Drink water throughout the day (don't wait until you're thirsty)</li> <li>Taking rest breaks as needed (in a cool, shady spot)</li> <li>When possible, do the heaviest work at the coolest times</li> <li>Use the Buddy System – watch for signs of heat related illnesses in your co-workers</li> <li>If you think someone has heat stroke or heat exhaustion: call 911, inform the Foreman /Superintendent and begin First Aid</li> </ul>	С
•	Poor Housekeeping in vehicles	С	<ul> <li>Trucks and company vehicles should be cleared daily of any garbage so as not to obstruct brakes, accelerator pedals, stick shifts or windows.</li> </ul>	С
•	Lack of / Improper PPE	С	<ul> <li>Ensure any PPE as mandated by the MSDS / SDS is worn while handling the respective hazardous product</li> <li>A CSA approved full body harnesses and shock absorbing lanyard, must be worn at heights of 10 feet (or more), unless properly protected (by scaffolding, guardrails or floor covers)</li> </ul>	С
•	Unauthorized drivers, Lack of, or Improper, Training and Education	В	<ul> <li>Machine Operators must be authorized and trained</li> <li>Only trained and competent personnel are permitted to perform maintenance</li> </ul>	С
•	Struck by Equipment / Vehicles & Lack of Signaler	<ul> <li>Signalers are required for backing vehicles when the operator's view of the path of travel is obstructed</li> </ul>		С
•	Lack of Inspection	С	<ul> <li>A pre-operational safety inspection is to be completed</li> <li>Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent</li> </ul>	С
•	Lack of Maintenance/Equipment Failure	В	<ul> <li>Equipment shall be maintained as per the manufacturer's instructions and minimum regulatory requirements</li> <li>Damaged equipment must be taken out of use and reported to the foreman / superintendent</li> </ul>	С
•	Struck-by / Crushed-by Object	В	<ul> <li>No part of the equipment should be capable of inadvertent movement which may lead to personal injury</li> </ul>	С
•	Inadvertent Energization & Stored Energy	В	<ul> <li>Workers shall not remove locks or tags, other than their own</li> <li>Ensure all sources of hazardous energy are de-energized, and that all remaining energy has been discharged</li> <li>Test de-energized sources of hazardous energy prior to commencing the task</li> </ul>	С
•	Lack of Testing	В	<ul> <li>Verify Zero-Energy, test the operation switches and verify that the equipment cannot be restarted, if lockout has not occurred, do not proceed</li> </ul>	С



## SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

#### Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. For plant operation the plant operator/foreman performs a daily plant equipment walk around looking for unfinished maintenance and hazards.
- 2. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task.
- 3. Plant foreman briefs the workers on the planned production and delegates the work for the day. No work is to be started prior to the arrival of the plant operator/foreman.

### During Task:

- 1. Trucks to dump concrete or asphalt blocks at the designated collection point in the asphalt plant.
- 2. Gazzola's loader/bulldozer operator is responsible for organizing the piles, pushing down concrete or asphalt blocks to the bottom of the pile for easy pickup by the loader feeding the crusher.
- 3. Loader to feed the crusher hopper with concrete or asphalt blocks.
- 4. Crusher operator remotely operates the hydraulic hammer from the protected side (Guardrails) on the crusher to break concrete or asphalt blocks when needed.
- 5. Blocks to go through an automated two-step crushing process on the crusher conveyor until reaching the desired aggregate gradation/size.
- 6. The crusher conveyor is discharging the crushed aggregate into piles of raw material.
- 7. Gazzola's loaders will load trucks with the raw material if being sold or to the processing plant if being recycled and used by Gazzola.

### Equipment Operators:

- 1. Mount and de-mount the equipment or machine using 3-points of contact.
- 2. Begin task when it is safe to do so ensure all safety devices are on and functioning (i.e. back up alarms, beacons and reversing lights)
- 3. Do not leave operating equipment or machinery unattended.
- 4. Stop backing immediately if the signaller is not fully visible, visual contact is lost with other workers &/or an emergency stop signal is received from anyone in the area

#### Task Completion:

- 1. Remove the ignition keys and lock the doors before leaving the equipment or machine. Ensure that crusher controls are off and secured before leaving the crusher area.
- 2. Ensure all equipment / machinery / tools are maintained and stored appropriately in the designated locations.
- 3. Implement any housekeeping or maintenance as required