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ZERO FATALITIES



SOFA ALERT

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March 7, 2023 - A Conductor was fatally injured while riding the leading end of a shoving movement over a passive crossing within an industrial plant and colliding with a dump truck which drove in front of the movement.

June 26, 2023 – A Conductor trainee who was riding the leading end of a shoving movement was fatally injured after falling into the path of the movement.

Take Away

While these recent cases have not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group is concerned by the two fatalities that already have occurred during 2023 and reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations and to ensure shove moves are done in a safe and proper manner. Last, but not least, remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes.

Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities



As a cross-industry collaboration for over 20 years, the SOFA Working Group has identified the Possible Contributing Factors for more than 210 switching operations fatalities since 1992. The SOFA Working Group reports its finding and emerging data trends with the goal of zero fatalities in the railroad industry.