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Safety Notice to Stevedores Crane Lights

INFORMATION

At Oakland, Northern California during recent vessel operations a hazardous event occurred with the potential for injury. A crane lighting fixture attached to the crane's cab came loose and fell to the dock. No one was injured by the falling light fixture, but the point of impact was in the vicinity of the signal man and others working on the dock stringer. These crane lights are attached to the cab and made from cast aluminum. The vibration from trolleying of the crane may cause light fixtures to come loose and fall to the dock.

After the incident ILWU Mechanic's inspected the other crane cab light fixtures for any evidence of fall hazard. No other fixtures were found at risk or in danger of coming loose. All the wiring associated with the failed light fixture was secured prior to the crane being cleared safe for work.

Recommended Action

Employers should be proactive and have a system in place for preventive inspection and maintenance for crane lighting fixtures. Any falling object from a crane has the potential for causing serious injury.