



The purpose of the “HOTSHEET” is to advise members of a serious incident or high potential near miss. By sharing this information and acting on the findings, we can reduce the potential for loss cause hazards to other employees, property, and equipment.

FIRE CAUSES TOTAL LOSS: Recycling Center Building

Replacement Cost: \$1,000,000

Incident Description: The fire caused a total loss to the city’s Recycling Center building. The Recycling Center is where residential and commercial recycling materials are taken, sorted, and bundled for pickup. Skid steers are used to move the recycling materials around the building floor.

Cause: The fire marshal was not able to identify the cause of the fire. The likely hypothesis is that a piece of cardboard was caught on the engine of the equipment used in the operation. Other causes could not be ruled out.

Recommended Corrective Action: We recommend daily inspections (minimum end of each shift) to ensure that flammable material is not stored or allowed to accumulate near potential heat sources (i.e., engines, motors, electrical boxes, etc....).

