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Fatal Injury on Winder

| Incident Date	Affected Business(es)	
04/24/2024	All Sites with Winders/Rewinders	

Incident Description

A winder operator entered under the slitter beam into the space between the spreader roll and knife beam to clear a paper jam at the cut-off knife and the rear winder drum. The Winder Cut-off Knife and Threader Clean Out SOP did not address access from the slitter side and no lockout was performed. While the operator was performing this task, the cut-off knife was moved to the clean-out position, pinning the operator between the threading pans on the knife beam and the spreader roll pivot beam. The operator sustained crushing injuries to the upper torso. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Operator entered area from under slitter beam here.
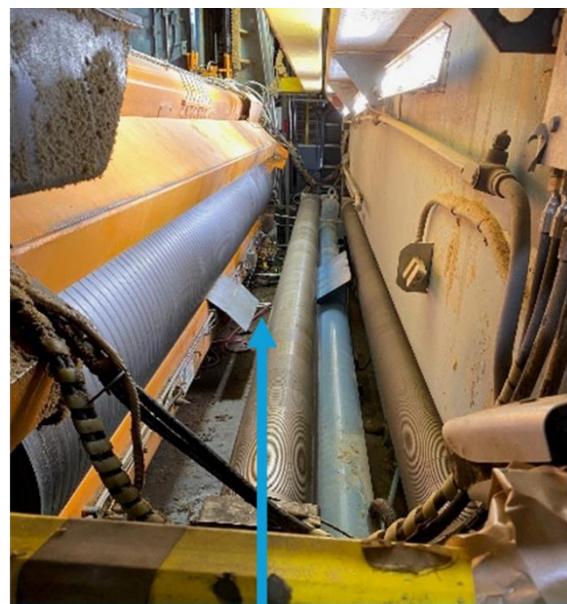
Operator was trapped here (second spreader roll was not present at time of incident).

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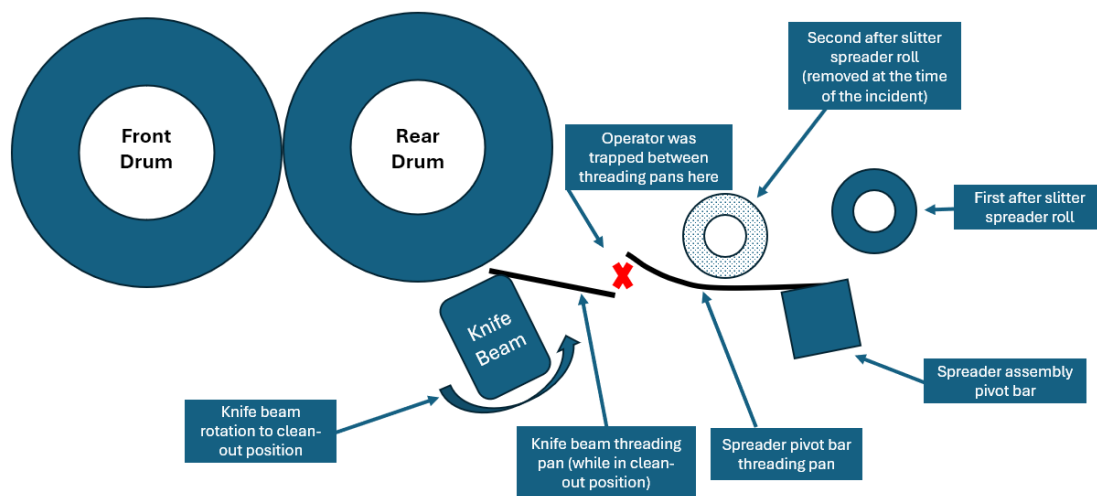
What do I need to do?

- Review tasks on winders and identify any that require entry under the winder (via a pit, crawlspace, or another location that may not be recognized as an access point). Also, check for other methods of access that are not currently identified in SOPs.
- Utilize lock-out (Zero Energy State) when entering any area under a winder if the area contains a hazard (electrical, hydraulic, mechanical, pneumatic, crushing, pinching, etc.) Follow the IP-approved exception process for any instances where entry must occur under Controlled/Intermediate Energy State (CES/IES).
- Review the area under the winder and assess whether it meets the criteria for classification as a confined space. If it does, physically restrict access to points of entry to the space, label access points with confined space signage, and manage the space according to local regulations and the IP Confined Space Entry program.
- Review the most recent winder safety audit and verify a plan is in place to address any gaps. Ensure effective interim controls are in place for any items that cannot be resolved immediately.