



Defective Ladder

Category: Other - 2017

Position(s) of employees/contractors:

Chemical Operator

Brief summary:

While an employee was descending a step ladder the employee lost balance and fell off of ladder. Fortunately, employee regained balance and landed on both feet. Investigation found ladder was defective. Step ladder was taken out of service and replaced with a new step ladder. Employee didn't become injured from incident.

Causal factors:

- Primary Cause: Lack of ladder inspection protocols
- Secondary Cause: Ladders were not individually listed in Preventative Maintenance program; therefore, PMs were not performed

List any corrective actions:

Ladders are being serialized for PMs. Toolbox talk for user awareness is being developed to share with all facilities.