Amputation of Worker's Arm Costs Employer \$60,000



A worker was adjusting a feeder belt on a soil screening conveyor while the belt was running. His arm was pulled into the conveyor and severed. The MOL investigation found that there wasn't lockout procedure in place as required by law. In fact, as a matter of course, the worker adjusted the belts while they were running. The employer pleaded guilty to a lockout violation and was fined \$60,000 [McKeown Contracting, Govt. News Release, Oct. 10, 2014].