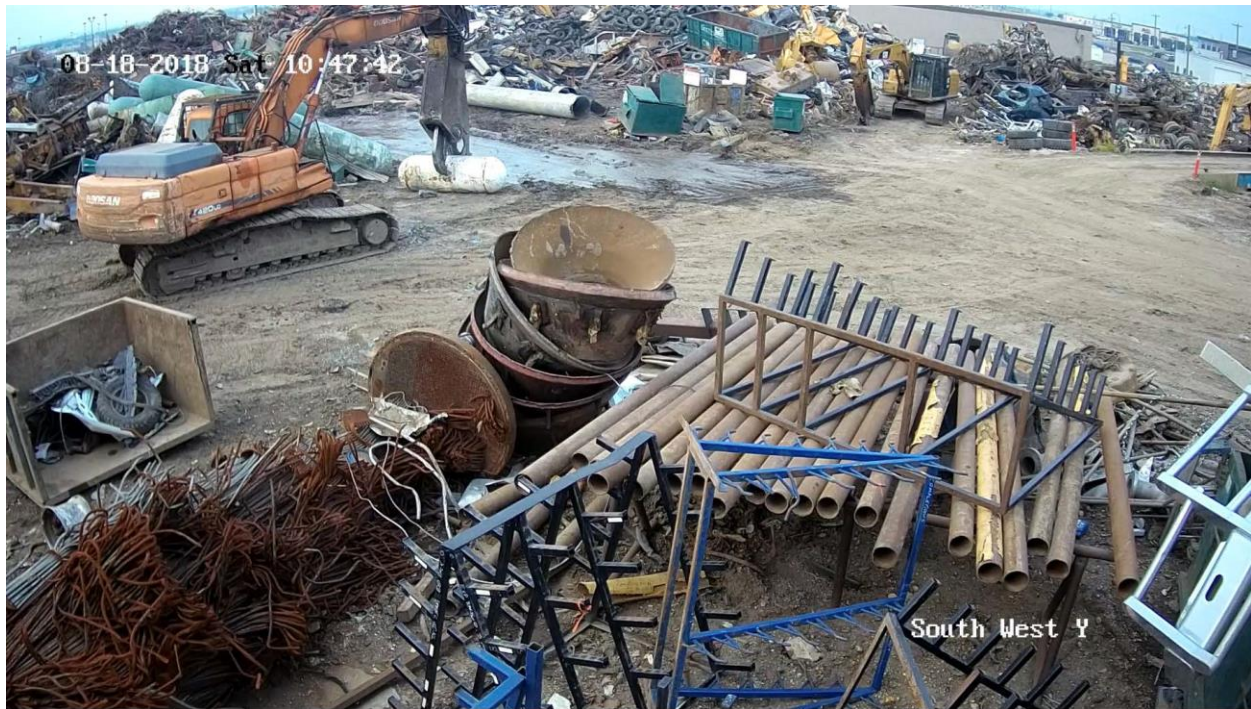


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**ALERT
PROPANE TANK FIRE**

A metal recycling facility had received approximately 50 used propane tanks. The tanks were being cut into pieces by hydraulic shears attached to a track hoe. The propane tanks are supposed to be drained and open to atmosphere before being delivered to the salvage yard. Approximately 40 of the tanks had been processed when the pressure boundary of a tank that contained propane was breached. The propane escaped quickly forming a propane vapour cloud which ignited in a flash fire causing severe burns to the operator and damage to the track hoe.



TYPE: ALERT	DESCRIPTION: ALERT – PROPANE TANK INCIDENT	REGULATION: PESR
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