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Kentucky DMS – Alert No.2 Powered Haulage

On June 15, 2023, at approximately 8:10 am, a Caterpillar 993-K Front End Loader operator looked in his back mirror and saw flames near the engine compartment. The operator and other employees tried to extinguish the fire but were unsuccessful and evacuated the area. During the fire, a rear tire blew and projected metal 168 feet away. No one was injured in this incident.

The Incident Scene



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a daily procedure to inspect hydraulic lines and components for defects.
2. Train employees in basic firefighting procedures.
3. Replace and repair worn or damaged electrical wiring, cables, fuel, and hydraulic lines immediately.
4. Clean equipment regularly.
5. Outfit equipment with a fire suppression system.