

# CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



## MACHINE DEBRIS BUILD UP

**Number: 120**

**Date: 11/12/2023**

### Background

On 23 November, an Excavator was working next to the chipper feeding it with the biomass when the operator thought steam was being emitted from the radiator, once inspected it was realised there were actual flames. The machine was tracked to mineral earth and a fire pod used to extinguish the fire on both the machine and surrounding slash. The area was thoroughly soaked, and personnel remained on site after the fire was extinguished to monitor for reignition,

### Key points

- No injuries or machine damage sustained.
- Contractor complied with Procedure F1.
- The fire was caused by debris build up in the engine bay.
- A prestart check had been completed at the start of the shift.
- Safe Operating Procedures should document the requirement for regular inspection of machines for debris build up throughout the day, especially during the fire season.