



Rockwool Ranson Community

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Wednesday evening at approximately 8:30 p.m., a warehouse employee reported a burning smell and smoke was observed near an outside storage area of our Ranson facility. ROCKWOOL's standard emergency procedures were initiated and area fire departments responded to the scene. A few hundred pallets of packaged insulation were affected, but the smoldering pallets have been quickly contained with no injuries or damage to the facility. Thank you to our local firefighters for their quick response and efficient work. We are still investigating the exact cause of the incident and will update the community when we have more information.

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As a follow-up to the earlier post, our investigation confirms a "punking" incident at the Ranson facility Wednesday evening as the source of ignition. Punking is a relatively rare occurrence that can arise in the first hours after certain products have been produced in which under certain conditions, a hot-spot can form inside the stone wool. If the hot-spot gets hot enough, it can ignite the packaging. For the products where the potential for punking is a relevant consideration, we have an established quarantine time in an outside storage area to ensure any issues that might arise are in a controlled environment. It was during such a quarantine period that this punking incident was detected and addressed. As is our standard practice, an after-action review is being conducted to identify opportunities for process improvement.

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Deb Wilson

Rockwool Ranson Community thanks for providing additional information and following up.

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Great job!

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Shelly Fischman

Burn baby burn. 😬

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