

Safe Work Procedure		LAWN MOWER (PUSH)	
Department / Area: Plant Operations	Approved By: Program Lead Plant Operations	Date Created: February 28, 2014	Review / Revised date:
Potential Hazards: Fill in those that apply H M L risk for injury <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awkward / sustained postures – forward lean <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Forceful exertions – thick grass, uneven terrain <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibration – hand arm, increases with time <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surfaces causing slips / falls <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme heat <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Noise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Combustibles / flammables- gas, oil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rotating blades, debris thrown from blades		Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations -Hearing protection -No electronic devices when operating mower -Appropriate closed toe footwear -Wear long pants Training / Reference information -Module 1 SCHIPP Orientation -Department Orientation -Operator’s manual	
<p>Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.</p>			
<p align="center">Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure</p> <p align="center">Steps to perform this task safely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure all shields and guards such as rear drag shield including discharge deflector are in place and working properly. -Avoid unnecessary engine idling in enclosed spaces such as sheds or garages. -Avoid mowing areas close to where people are present. -Make best efforts to clear the area to be mowed of any debris which could be thrown from the blades. Watch for hidden hazards such as holes, roots, drain pipes, or insect nests. Use caution around low hanging branches and shrubs. -Only reach under the machine when it is turned off and blades have stopped turning. -Do not touch hot motor parts or spray cold water on a hot engine. -Do not make wheel height adjustments, unclog chute, remove grass catcher, or refuel while the engine is running. -Do not leave a running mower unattended. -Refuel in a well ventilated, level area and allow engine to cool at least 10 minutes or as per operating manual prior to refueling. <p>When leaving the machine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disengage power to the blade -Stop the engine 			