Maintenance of Way ~ Work Equipment Bulletin

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RATING: □ DIRECTIVE
        (Action is required) □ ALERT
        (Potential Problem) □ INFORMATION
        (Action is optional) X PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT
        (Enhance Product)

MACHINE MODEL(S): SP2R Only with Hydraulic Power Workhead Lockups

SERIAL NUMBER(S): S/N 310001 to 310287 except S/N 310282 with Hydraulic Power Workhead Lockups

SUMMARY: A new kit P/N 98310022 has been created for these machines to eliminate problems encountered when using the emergency pump. This could be seen when using the emergency pump to raise a workhead and lock it up for towing. In the current configuration, the workhead retracts very slowly and the hydraulic power lock up does not stay disengaged while raising the workhead with the emergency pump.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT: The new kit keeps the hydraulic power lockups disengaged when using the emergency pump to raise the workhead. It also connects the emergency pump (electrical only) directly and permanently to the LH manifold and provides one additional hook up fitting for the option of releasing the brakes independently.

NOTE: The manual hand pump will still require the use of the supplied hose to temporarily connect it to the manifold.
ACTION: Check the machine serial number and then verify if your machine has the hydraulic power lockups installed on the workhead. It will be necessary to install Nordco kit P/N 98310022 which includes installation instructions with drawings and all necessary installation components (hardware, hydraulic valves, fittings and hoses). Installation time will take approximately 2-3 hours. After installation, add sheet 3 of instructions and the updated Operations pages to your machine manual.

WARRANTY: Nordco will supply one kit under warranty for each SP2R machine with hydraulic power lockups. To obtain the warranty kit, contact the Nordco Service Department by phone or email and please provide the machine serial number from the Nordco nameplate. The warranty coverage for this kit will expire on September 30th, 2015. It will still be available for purchase after September 30th.

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