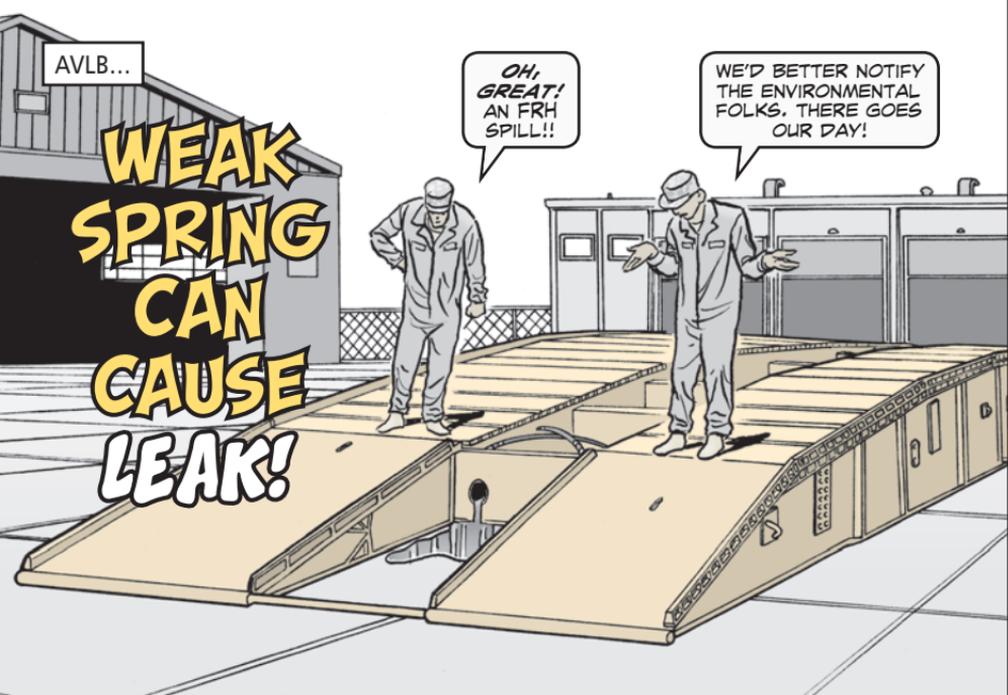


AVLB...

WEAK SPRING CAN CAUSE LEAK!

OH,
GREAT!
AN FRH
SPILL!!

WE'D BETTER NOTIFY
THE ENVIRONMENTAL
FOLKS. THERE GOES
OUR DAY!



Nobody likes to see an FRH spill.

Cleanup's a hassle and your environmental folks will be breathing down your neck all day.

That's why it's important to keep the hydraulic line quick-disconnect couplings on your AVLB's bridge in good shape. Pay particular attention to the coupling plug used to mate the bridge and launcher.

On the mating end of the bridge, the male coupling, NSN 4730-00-182-9086, has a bearing at the end that retracts to let FRH flow once the bridge is mated.

The rest of the time, the bearing is kept firmly extended by an internal spring. Over time, that spring can weaken. When that happens, FRH oozes out past the bearing and ends up in a puddle on the ground.

The best way to prevent that mess is with a quick inspection of the coupling.

If you can push the bearing in with your finger, the spring is too weak and the coupling should be replaced. If the bearing won't move, the coupling's good to go.

