

# Contractor Fatality

## Heavy Equipment Crash



**Activity:** A dump truck driven by a 64 year old NAVFAC contractor employee was in the left turning lane of a four lane highway when he attempted to make a left turn into a borrow pit. The dump truck was unable to complete the turn without avoiding oncoming traffic, and struck a civilian motor vehicle, which collided with a parked vehicle on the shoulder highway. The driver of the motor vehicle was killed while the passenger suffered minor injuries.

### Possible Contributing Causes

- Failure to yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic
- Truck driver's loss of situational awareness

### Communication Points

- Although activity hazard analyses (AHA) existed for heavy equipment moving around the project site, the significant number of daily loads of fill dirt warranted the creation of a separate AHA for hauling on public roads and highways
- All heavy equipment drivers, regardless of the duration of their work, shall review all relevant AHAs

