

Contractor Fatality Heavy Equipment Rollover



Activity: A concrete truck travelling approximately 50mph in an 55mph zone was delivering product when it left the roadway for reasons unknown. After travelling approximately 200' along a depressed shoulder, the truck returned to the asphalted surface, and but appeared to clip a guardrail before overturning and fatally injuring the driver. Cell phone use, drugs/alcohol, and mechanical failure were ruled out during investigations.

Possible Contributing Causes

- Excessive speed for load being transported
- Risk assessment of highway travel not performed; associated risk mitigation actions not implemented

Communication Points

- Accident Prevention Plans should include travel activity within an installation – even if outside project limits
- An AHA for hauling on public roads and highways and that identifies manufacturer's recommended limits on load and speed should be prepared and discussed with all heavy equipment operators