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SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES

Spreader, Material-Tow Type

SOP 12B-27

Hazard Review		
Backing	Traffic	Inclement Weather
Hooking/Unhooking		
Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Based on job specific hazard review)		
Safety Vest	Safety Shoes	Safety Glasses
Gloves		

- Supervisors shall verify that drivers are capable and qualified on each type of equipment before allowing the equipment to be operated unsupervised.
- Operators shall perform a pre-operational check of their equipment. Be familiar with the operator's manual. Report needed repairs promptly. Do not use any equipment that is unsafe. Make sure lighting is working properly on truck and spreader.
- Plan ahead to minimize or eliminate the need for backing. Always check to the rear before backing and employee must use an observer when available. Make sure back-up alarms are working properly.
- Insure that pintle hook latch is engaged when spreader is attached to truck and safety chains hooked.
- When parked, spreader shall be secured by wheel chocks to prevent rolling.
- Spreader shall be calibrated consistent with pre-determined application rate.
- Do not exceed weight limitations.
- Keep hands and body away from all moving parts and be aware of pinch points.
- An ANSI Class 2 or 3 approved high visibility safety vest shall be worn when the employee is out of the vehicle.

Related SOP's

General SOPsChapter 10	Loader, Front End.....12A-11
Truck, Dump 12A-30	Snow Plow12B-24