

27 Struck by—Inspection 1318661 Reda Home Builders Inc

A 58 year old male was fatally injured when he was struck by a dump truck that rolled downhill because the brakes were not set while he was hooking up a trailer to the truck.

It was determined through interviews that the victim had connected a triaxle trailer to the dump truck. Shortly afterwards, both the truck and trailer started rolling downhill toward another employee who was working at the bottom of the hill. It was determined that the truck's engine was running and the truck was in neutral. The victim reportedly climbed onto the passenger side step on the saddle tank of the truck to attempt to stop the truck, and was knocked off the step of the truck when it struck a rollback tow truck parked at the bottom of the hill. The dump truck came to a stop after hitting a car and small tractor immediately after hitting the tow truck. The fatally injured victim was pinned under one set of duels on the forward most axel of the rear axles. The second employee (non-fatally injured) jumped behind the Ferguson tractor and stood on a scraper blade attached to the three-point hitch. When the dump truck struck the tractor, it threw the second employee to the ground, fracturing his hip.

It was determined that the victim did not set the parking brakes on the truck and trailer before exiting the cab. Without the brakes set, the truck and trailer were able to roll down the hill at the site.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious \$4000

TCA 50-3-1 05(1): The employer did not furnish to each of its employees conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious injury or harm to its employees:

In that two employees were exposed to a struck-by hazard while one employee was hooking up a trailer to a triaxle dump truck without having the brakes set, resulting in a fatality.

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Other-than-Serious \$1000

TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)1: Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work related incident, the employer did not report the fatality to the TOSHA Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development:

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In that the employer did not report an employee fatality within 8 hours of learning of the incident.

Description

The photo shows the dump truck and trailer that was involved in the fatal accident. The parking brakes were not set on the truck and trailer.

