

A **42 year old male** employee was **struck by a** John Deere loader while walking back to his work area after taking a rest room break. As the front-end loader was traveling in reverse from the re-run deck, it backed over the victim.

It was explained that a John Deere front-end loader operator was moving bundles of lumber from the re-work area and transporting them to the re-run deck. The re-run deck is located north of the stairs where the employees access their workstations and the building that houses the breakroom, restrooms, and timeclock. The re-run area consists of lumber the company has deemed needing to be re-run through the mill because of imperfections to the lumber (i.e warped, bad spots, other imperfections) found during the inspection process. After a bundle of re-run lumber is made, the front-end loader will pick this lumber up using forks and deliver it to the re-run deck where the lumber is fed back through the cutting process of the sawmill to be reprocessed.

The front-end loader was traveling in an area most site employees use to walk from their parked vehicles into the breakroom to access the time clock and restrooms and then walk across the area to access their workstations. A measurement from a parked car (located in front of the breakroom) to the re-run lumber stack was 22 feet. The 22 feet is the width of the area the front-end loader had to travel back/ forth to deliver lumber to the re-run deck. The loader operator stated that he was looking over each of his shoulders/ checking his mirrors, and when he looked over at the stairs that employees use to exit the production building, he heard a thump. He stated that he did not see the victim in his path. It is believed the victim was attempting to walk through the area to go back to his workstation from the restroom. A cell phone was found in the vicinity, so the victim could have been looking down and did not see the loader.

The John Deere 544L front-end loader was observed. There were no issues found with either the back-up beeper and/or brakes of the loader. The owner explained that there were no operational cameras at the site to record the accident and there were no eyewitnesses.

A GDC citation was issued due to there not being a designated travel path for this area and employees have to walk through the area where cars are parked and near where the loader is operated, to get to their workstation and/or to the building that houses the breakroom, restrooms and timeclock.

**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**                      **\$5400**

**TCA 50-3-105(1):** The employer did not furnish to each of his employee's conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.

In that employees are exposed to a struck by hazard when walking through an area, where there is vehicular traffic and the front-end loader is operated, to get to the workstations, parking area and building that houses the timeclock, restrooms, and breakroom.

**Citation 2 Item 1**      **Type of Violation:**                      **Repeat-Other**                      **\$750**

**29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(1):** Employees were not provided effective information and training on hazardous chemicals or materials in their work area at the time of their initial assignment and whenever a new hazard was introduced into their work area:

In that, employees had not been provided effective information and training on hazardous chemicals in their work area at the time of their initial assignment.

Roach Sawmill & Lumber Company, L.L.C. was previously cited for a violation of OSHA standard or its equivalent standard **29 CFR1910.1200(h)(1)** which is contained in TOSHA inspection 1248926, Citation 1 Item 1 and was affirmed final order September 17, 2017, with respect to the workplace located at 10300 Hwy-64 Savannah, TN 38372.

Roach Sawmill & Lumber Company, L.L.C. was previously cited for a violation of OSHA standard or its equivalent standard **29 CFR1910.1200(h)(1)** which is contained in TOSHA inspection 1201559, Citation 2 Item 6c and was affirmed final order April 23, 2017, with respect to the workplace located at 10300 Hwy-64 Savannah, TN 38372.

**Citation 2 Item 2**      **Type of Violation:**                      **Repeat-Other**                      **\$600**

**TDLWD Rule 0800-01-09-.07:** Employers did not provide employees with effective information and training on hazardous chemicals in their initial assignment, and whenever a new hazard is introduced into their workplace. Refresher training was not provided at least annually thereafter.

In that annual refresher training and information had not been provided to employees for the chemicals they are exposed to such as, but not limited to; wood dust, diesel, and oil since 07/16/2020.

Roach Sawmill & Lumber Company, L.L.C. was previously cited for a violation of OSHA standard or its equivalent standard **TDLWD Rule 0800-01-09-.07** which is contained in TOSHA inspection 1201559, Citation 2 Item 6d and was affirmed final order April 23, 2017, with respect to the workplace located at 10300 Hwy-64 Savannah, TN 38372.

**Citation 3 Item 1a    Type of Violation:    Other-than-Serious                    \$150**

**29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(i):** The employer having employee(s) with occupational exposure did not establish a written Exposure Control Plan designated to eliminate or minimize employee exposure.

In that an exposure control plan had not been developed and implemented for the employee designated to render first aid.

**Citation 3 Item 1b    Type of Violation:    Other-than-Serious                    \$0**

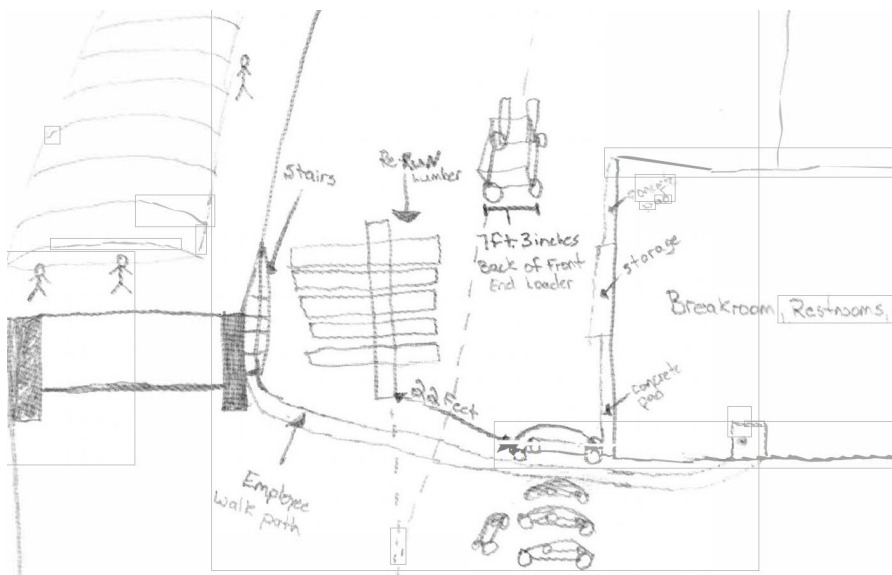
**29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)(ii)(A):** The employer did not train each employee with occupational exposure at the time of the initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place.

In that an employee designated to administer first aid had not received initial Bloodborne Pathogens training.

**Citation 3 Item 2    Type of Violation:    Other-than-Serious                    \$150**

**TDLWD Rule 0800-01-09-.07(4):** The employer did not maintain records of hazardous chemical training required by TDL 0800-01-09-.07

In that Hazardous Communications training records were not maintained by the employer.



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